

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

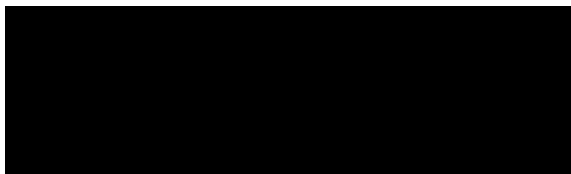
Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C250-23-AP-1544

- 1. Contracting Activity:** The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Services Network 10, Network Contracting Office 10, 3140 Governors Place Boulevard, Suite 210, Kettering, OH 45409, on behalf of requirements for the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, 5500 Armstrong Road, Battle Creek, MI 49037. [VA Form 2237: 515-23-2-505-0006]
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Battle Creek VA Medical Center has a requirement for new components of a laundry rail system, which include 90 soiled slings (NP-091-001.965/5), 90 soiled sling trolleys (NP-091-001.926/1), 50 clean slings (NP-091-JE121301), 50 auto open trolleys (NP-091-001.928/7), 10 dryer pod slings (NP-091-JE1213D01), and 20 two-wheel trolleys (NP-091-ER0542). The purchase of the laundry slings and trolleys will be used to transport linen throughout the laundry plant of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. The new components will replace the existing slings and trolleys of the laundry plant to ensure the rail system operates effectively and safely. The estimated price of the new components is [REDACTED]
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The Battle Creek VA Medical Center's laundry plant was designed by R.W. Martin & Sons, a small business concern. One design feature of the laundry plant is the laundry plant rail system, which is manufactured by Kannegiesser Etech. While many laundry plants use the Kannegiesser Etech rail system, each system is unique due to building configurations. As the designer of the laundry plant at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center, only R.W. Martin & Sons possess the data and configurations to order, and have manufactured, the laundry slings and trolleys with compatible designs unique to the configurations of the VA laundry plant. As determined by the market research findings in paragraph 4 below, R.W. Martin & Sons and no other sources of supply are known or are able to fulfill the VA requirement for laundry slings and trolleys at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** The VA's Vendor Information Pages (VIP) database was searched using NAICS 333310, which resulted in the identification of zero (0) Service-Disabled/Veteran-Owned Small Business (SD/VOSB) concerns. The VIP database was also searched using NAICS 333310 and keyword "Sling," which resulted in the identity of zero (0) SD/VOSB concerns. The VA Rule of Two cannot be met. The Small Business Administration (SBA) Dynamic Small Business Search (DSBS) website was searched using NAICS 333310 and keyword "Sling," which resulted in the identification of one (1) small business concern, SRT Supply, LLC. SRT Supply is primarily engaged in sales of supplies and tactical gear for law

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enforcement and military organizations. A search of the product catalogs on the vendor's website yielded no results for laundry slings or trolleys as needed by the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. The SBA Rule of Two cannot be met. The GSA Advantage website was searched for the laundry slings and trolleys; however, the search yielded zero suppliers of the required supplies. A market research quote was obtained from R.W. Martin & Sons that was determined by the customer to meet the VA requirements for laundry slings and trolleys. The VA's Electronic Contract Management System (eCMS) was searched and identified one contract with R.W. Martin & Sons (Contract 36C250-20-C-0202) which is primarily for preventative maintenance services; however, the contract does not have scope to procure additional supplies required for the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. A Notice of Intent to Sole Source 36C250-23-Q-0269 published to the Government Point of Entry (SAM.gov). The notice permitted responses from industry (between from 25 January 2023 to 1 February 2023) to help the VA determine if holding a competition would be more advantageous than pursuing a single source procurement. As a result of the notice, there were no responses from industry describing sources of supply capable of fulfilling the VA requirement. R.W. Martin & Sons is the only source capable of fully satisfying the requirements of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

- 5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*



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