

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Purchase of the St. Jude Medical Velocity ESI Mapping System.

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

Medical Specialty Service Line Cardiology Division, Department of Electrophysiology is requesting the purchase of the Velocity ESI Mapping System to replace the existing ESI mapping system which is eight (8) years old and the operating system and software package are outdated. This will bring us to par with the national standard to allow the Electrophysiologists to diagnose and treat patients with irregular and life threatening heart arrhythmias.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

Medical Specialty Service Line Cardiology Division is requesting the purchase of the Velocity ESI System to allow the Electrophysiologists to diagnose and treat patients with irregular and life threatening heart arrhythmias. Our current system has reached its useful life expectancy which does not allow for new hardware/software updates. With the current system, one must manually plot all geometric anatomical points prior to performing arrhythmia mapping. Depending on the number of points required for mapping a particular arrhythmia this could take over an hour. With the new Velocity ESI system plotting is done automatically which greatly reduces procedural time. This is extremely important since patients are anesthetized for long periods of time. This is one of a kind system also provides both 2D and 3D imaging capabilities immensely assists the Electrophysiologist in determining abnormal electrical pathways and terminate any potential life threatening arrhythmia. The Velocity ESI system also connects directly to our Hansen Robotic system. In addition, you can use any vendors catheters. No additional supplies will be required from our current usage.

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4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

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- (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
- (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
- (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
- (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
- (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
- (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

Webster BioSense is the only manufacturer to offer the magnetic pick up to visualize the mapping catheters and ICD/Pacemaker leads.

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**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

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**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

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**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

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9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

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10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

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11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:

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12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Name JOANN OKOIN  
Title ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
Facility UD-646

8/8/13  
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Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

a. **Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Ronald J. Kline*

Name *RONALD J. KLINE*  
Title *CO*  
Facility *VAPAS*

*9-4-13*

Date

- b. **VISN/PCA QA:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Name  
Title  
Facility

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Date

- c. **NCM/PCM:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

  
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Name  
Network Contract Manager  
VISN/PCA X

  
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Date

- d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Name  
Director  
Service Area Office, East

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Date

- e. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

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Frederick Downs, Jr.  
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer  
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

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Date

- f. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 not exceeding \$50 million)**: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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Iris B. Cooper  
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

- g. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million)**: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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Jan R. Frye  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics  
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date