

DETERMINATION OF LIMITATION OF SOURCES

1. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs Consolidated Contracting Activity-VISN 21.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

This action limits competition for the acquisition of Micromedex Healthcare Series Drug Essentials Package for the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:

Term	Description
1 Year	"Micromedex Healthcare Series Drug Essentials Package" DATABASES AND SERVICES FOR VISN-WIDE SITES: a. AltMedDEx System b. DRUGDEX System c. DRUG-REAX System d. MobileMICROMEDEX System e. IV INDEX System f. POISINDEX System

The estimated value is

4. AUTHORITY CITED:

FAR 13.106(b)(1), only one source is reasonably available because the of non-standard abbreviations, acronyms & symbols is a patient safety hazard that can cause confusion in medication and diagnoses since many abbreviations and acronyms have more than one meaning. Physicians can easily access the online edition to check the standard abbreviations/acronyms. The Micromedex Healthcare Series Platform is the only one that can provide consistency in verbiage and functionality to ensure quality delivery of care and safety.

5. REASON FOR AUTHORITY CITED:

The authority cited in paragraph 4 must be used because there is no other source through which the Government can procure this Healthcare Series Drug Essentials Package.

6. EFFORTS MADE FOR SOLICITING FROM OTHER VENDORS:

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7. FAIR AND REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated price will be determined to be fair and reasonable. A Price Negotiation Memorandum (PNM) will detail how the Government has determined that the anticipated costs will be fair and reasonable. As this item has been determined to be commercial, cost or pricing data will not be required. Pricing techniques such as are described in FAR 15.404-1(b)(2), will be used to establish price fairness and reasonableness.

8. MARKET RESEARCH:

Based on review of the written justification documentation provided by the customer, internet research and communication with the manufacturer; it was determined that the product offerings (Form and Function) are unique to Microdex. Based on the foregoing, I determine that all indications point toward there being only one reasonable source and no other suppliers will satisfy the Government's needs.

9. SUPPORTING FACTS:

Any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (*e.g.*, verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel. The evidence for this is the "Technical Data to Support a Restricted Competition" in the contract file.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES:

Cox Subscriptions, Inc

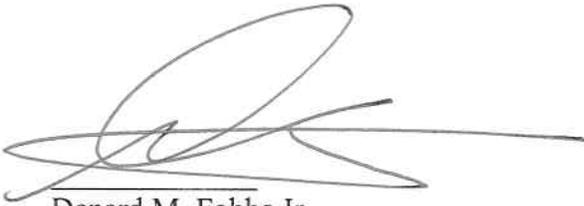
201 VILLAGE RD
SHALLOTTE, NC, 28470-4441
UNITED STATES

11. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

A notification will be issued that advises the Government intends to procure via sole source. However, if any contractor believes they have an equivalent product, they are encouraged to contact the Contracting Specialist for more information.

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Denard M Fobbs Jr
Contract Specialist/Purchasing Agent

9/16/2013
Date

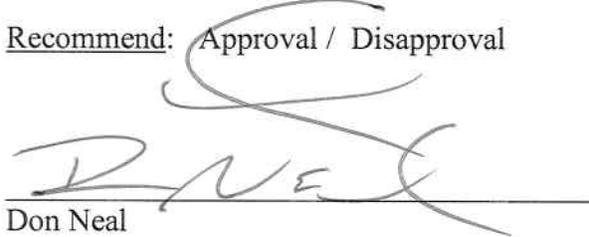
Recommend: Approval / ~~Disapproval~~



Rico Johnson
Contracting Officer

9/14/2013
Date

Recommend: Approval / Disapproval



Don Neal
Manager, Supply Team I

9/16/13
Date