

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition (FAR 6.302-1)

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 16, VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care Systems, Biloxi, MS.

2237 Transaction Number: 520-13-3-9331-0039

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: Mizuhosi 3423 series Patient Helper Upright with Trapeze Bar.

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

The Community Living Center is a 96 bed facility that encompasses long term care residents as well as provides rehabilitation services. All beds should have the capability of having a trapeze if needed. The trapezes are important in helping the Veterans with therapeutic goals, maintain independence, Veteran safety and staff safety. The beds that were purchased for this building were not ordered with trapezes at that time. The trapezes are crucial for patient care to be delivered in a safe and effective manner.

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

- (X) (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): The GCVHCS has currently purchased 96 new Hill-Rom beds that cannot be fitted with the current trapeze bar purchased before the new bed conversion. The Unit is request to purchase the above stated items this will allow them to move the Veterans to new patient beds. The Mizuhosi 3423 series are the only patient helper upright trapeze bar that will fit the new Hill-Rom beds.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: This requirement will be initially posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website in a Pre-Solicitation Notice stating that we intent to negotiate directly with Mizuhosi OSI on a sole-source basis. We will correspond with any other companies that express an interest in this requirement.

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

The undersigned contracting officer does not anticipate any problems with determining the anticipated cost of this requirement to be fair and reasonable. The contracting officer will seek copies of published price lists that reflect the prices being advertised for the equipment. In the absence of any published price lists, the contracting officer will seek copies of contracts, purchase orders, or invoices that reflect the same or similar equipment that was sold to other Government or commercial customers.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Other brands of adapters and trapezes were researched as well as trialed without success.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: The trapezes ordered must be compatible with the beds purchased for the Community Living Center. Not all trapezes are interchangeable.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: If any other commercial sources of supply express an interest in this acquisition from viewing the Federal Business Opportunities website Pre-Solicitation posting, we will correspond with them concerning this requirement.

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: If further expansion at the Biloxi VA occurs or if a total replacement of current beds becomes necessary because of new technology, we will research other company's equipment and related products available in the commercial marketplace and on VA and GSA Federal Supply Schedules in order to maximize competition.

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.

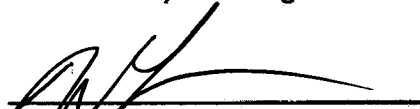


Herman Sacks, DO
Chief, Extended Care Service

8/19/13
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

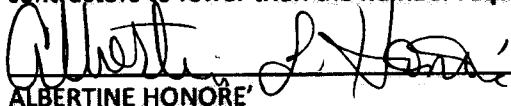
a. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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b. CHIEF P&C: I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.



ALBERTINE HONORE
CHIEF, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING
VA Gulf Coast Health Care System
NCO 16 - Biloxi, MS

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