

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 Neuronexus Probes (Buzsaki) for the VA San Francisco Medical Center (VASFMC).

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:

Neuronexus is a pioneer in microfabricated neural probes. This probe is not sold by any of the competitors. The Buzsaki are special items that can only be purchased from Neuro Nexus. Each is a micro device to record neural signals from the brain. We are ordering a 32 channel and a 64 channel probe. (Quantity: 10x 32 channel; 10x 64 channel).

The Purchase Request number is 662-13-2-6197-0014.

4. AUTHORITY CITED:

FAR 13.106(b)(1), only one source is reasonably available because only one manufacturer's item will meet the Government's needs.

5. REASON FOR AUTHORITY CITED:

The authority cited in paragraph 4 must be used because only one manufacturer's item will meet the Government's needs. Neuronexus is a pioneer in microfabricated neural probes. This probe is not sold by any of the competitors. Given its criticality to the SFVAMC's research plan, it is essential that this item be provided—no other item will fulfill the government's requirement.

6. EFFORTS MADE FOR SOLICITING FROM OTHER VENDORS:

A combined synopsis/solicitation shall be issued via GPE utilizing a combination of procedures IAW FAR 5.101, FAR 12.6, and FAR 13.105 to ensure competition is attempted, to further confirm no alternate vendors can fulfill the government's requirement, and to obtain the very best pricing available.

7. FAIR AND REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated price will be determined to be fair and reasonable through initial market research. A Price Negotiation Memorandum (PNM), to be completed post-solicitation, will detail how the Government has determined that the anticipated costs will be fair and reasonable. As this item has been determined to be a commercially available item, 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:

Market research was conducted by searching and reviewing the GSA website, FPDS, and eCMS.

As a research scientist and a neurologist, the customer regularly attends conferences where vendors are present. The customer's initial market research was inclusive of looking at several websites that make microwire products (TDT, CD Neural Technologies, Microprobes). The VA has used Neuronexus probes for many years now and has experienced great results; therefore, past performance is favorable.

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.

Neuronexus is a pioneer in microfabricated neural probes. This probe is not sold by any of the competitors. Given its criticality to the VA's research plan, it is essential that this item be procured and no other will fulfill the government's requirement.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES:

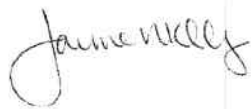
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11. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

There are not any other manufacturers or commercial sources identified that provide the Buzsaki items as they are special order direct from the manufacturer. The VA has thoroughly investigated other avenues and has found this company's product(s) to be the most effective and efficient, while further confirming other suppliers and/or manufacturers are not available.

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

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



Jaime N. Kelley
Contract Specialist

09/20/2013

Date



Paul Griffin
Contracting Officer

09.23.2013

Date

Approval / Disapproval