

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$3,000**

**FAR PART 8.405-6**

**2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 528-14-1-2230-0002**

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

**Restricted to the following source:** Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: 1-800-922-0204

Mfgr/Contractor Address: One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: N/A

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Syracuse VAMC

Network Contracting Office 2

1304 Buckley Rd, Suite 101

Syracuse, NY 13212

**VISN:**

2

**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

This document is for the justification and approval for award of a FSS Order on a limited sources basis as required by FAR 8.405-6. Per FAR 8.405-6(a)(B), only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized. This acquisition will be sourced via Schedule 70, General Purpose Commercial Information Technology Equipment, Software, and Services. A task order will be issued to Verizon Wireless under Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract number GS-35F-0119. The VA TAC has awarded task order # VA-14-0000200 to Verizon Wireless for mobile devices and services, under National contract VA118-13-D-0026, for the Region 4 catchment area (VISNs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). Unfortunately, the transition from old to new contract will not be completed in time for the start of the new fiscal year on 10/1/13. This procurement is being put into place in order to ensure VISN 2 has continuation of mobile services after the expiration of the FY13 Verizon Wireless task order for VISN 2 mobile services on 9/30/2013 for the duration of the transition period to the new contract. It is estimated that the transition will be completed by 10/31/13, but the CO will add 2 – 1 month option periods onto the temporary task order to ensure continued coverage in the event of any contract transition delays.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

This is a requirement for mobile devices and services for VISN 2. The transition from old to new contract will not be completed in time for the start of the new fiscal year on 10/1/13. This procurement is being

put into place in order to ensure VISN 2 has continuation of mobile services after the expiration of the Verizon Wireless task order for VISN 2 mobile services on 9/30/2013. All services are available via the contractor's FSS contract. It is estimated that the transition will be completed by 10/31/13, but the CO will add 2 – 1 month option periods onto the temporary contract to ensure continued coverage in the event of any contract transition delays.

**(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$57,038.00 (Base Month); \$171,114.00 (Base + 2 – 1 month Options)

**(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** 10/1/2013 – 10/31/2013 + 2 – 1 Month Option Periods

**(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.**

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

Orders placed under FSS are exempt from the requirements in FAR Part 6; however, an ordering activity must justify its action when restricting consideration of schedule vendors. In accordance with FAR 8.405-6(a)(B), restricting competition may be justified when "only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized."

Mobile devices and services are vital to operations of VISN 2. Verizon Wireless is the current contractor providing these services to VISN 2. The transition from old to new contract will not be completed in time for the start of the new fiscal year on 10/1/13. This procurement is being put into place in order to ensure VISN 2 has continuation of mobile services after the expiration of the FY13 Verizon Wireless task order for VISN 2 mobile services on 9/30/2013 for the duration of the transition period to the new contract. It is estimated that the transition will be completed by 10/31/13, but the CO will add 2 – 1 month option periods onto the temporary contract to ensure continued coverage in the event of any contract transition delays. Converting to a new vendor during the short transition period would be disruptive to VISN 2 and additional cost would be incurred for transitioning and reconfiguring equipment. Additionally, other vendors may not be able to provide reliable service coverage in areas such as the Catskills, Tug Hill and Finger Lakes regions.

**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

In accordance with FAR 8.404(d), "GSA has already determined the prices of supplies and fixed-price services, and rates for services offered at hourly rates, under schedule contracts to be fair and reasonable." The Contracting Officer (CO) shall ensure the proposed price does not exceed the GSA FSS Rate identified in their contract. The Government, in accordance with FAR 8.405-4, will also seek additional price reductions.

**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market research indicates that Verizon Wireless is the only vendor capable of providing access to the Verizon Wireless voice and data network. In addition, no other vendor is capable of providing a comprehensive solution. The proposed vendor is available on Federal Supply Schedule (FSS).

**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

None.

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**(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:**

In the future, VISN 2 will utilize the recently awarded VA TAC contract # VA-14-0000200 to Verizon Wireless for mobile devices and services, under National contract VA118-13-D-0026, for the Region 4 catchment area (VISNs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). Task orders for VISN 2 services will be place off on this contract.

**(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

SIGNATURE

FRED FITCH

NAME

ALBANY VAMC

FACILITY

IT SPECIALIST

TITLE

DATE

8/28/2013

REGION 4 OI&T

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

**(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(d):**

**a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

STEPHANIE FRENCH, CONTRACTING OFFICER

NAME AND TITLE

DATE

8/28/2013

NCO 2

FACILITY

**b. TEAM LEADER:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

JONATHAN AIKIN

NAME

NCO 2 SPECIALIZED TEAM LEADER

DATE

8-28-13