DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Network 16 Contracting Activity, G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC Center #586, Jackson, MS

Purchase Request VA 2237 – 586-14-1-042-0026

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: The Government contemplates the award a new firm-fixed price contract as sole source procurement to small business with an estimated total contract value of $24,000.00.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has a recurring requirement for the providing of the connectivity between laboratory equipments. JResultNet ® Middleware is solely manufactured and distributed by Dawning Technologies, Inc. It is a Java® based interface engine application used to establish, manage and control laboratory instrument connections and LIS front end data management. JResultNet ®Net has the ability to merge packets unreleased results in the review/edit databases. The result can be merged based on up to three data fields selected by the user. Action Code on Query Database has configuration for action code to overwrite an order, append all test ordered, remove any test sent from the existing order, delete and/or filter any duplication of orders. The period of performance is expected to be October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016. (a base and two options).

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):

Dawning Technologies, Inc. benchmarked this technology for this type of interface support. There is currently ten (10) other interface equipment items (javalins) from Dawning Technologies, Inc. utilized by the pathology department. Additionally, the javalin and cables needed for interface of replacement items that are compatible with our current technology. Dawning Technologies, Inc. provides the interface equipment necessary to link the analyzers to the computer system so that patient information from the analyzers can be transmitted to the electronic chart. There are no other source available that can accommodates this medical center's interface are needs.

This is a follow-on contract for the continued use of this major system and highly specialized equipment and/or services. The Government is not expected to recover substantial duplication of cost if competition had to be sought. Accordingly, Dawning Technologies, Inc. is the only firm capable of providing the supplies and services described in Section III above without the Veteran's Health Administration experiencing substantial duplication of cost that could not be expected to be recovered through competition and unacceptable delays in fulfilling its requirements.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: In accordance with FAR 10, Market Research will continue to be conducted to ascertain if in fact there are vendors in the commercial marketplace with the capabilities of providing this service.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: Based on the past historical pricing data, the Government expects the price to be fair and reasonable. There has only been minimal increase in the total contract price over the last several years.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: In accordance with FAR 10, the market research was conducting utilizing VetBiz and Small Dynamic Business. No vendor was found having the capacity to fulfill the Government's requirement. There are serious compatibility issues associated with this equipment and software. Dawning Technologies, Inc. is the sole proprietor and manufacturer of this product. They offer 24/7 technical support. In addition, to replacement/repairs of all parts and components used to keep the system operational.

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

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

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: Market research will continue to be conducted to ascertain if any other vendors exist in the commercial marketplace with capabilities of providing this service

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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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.
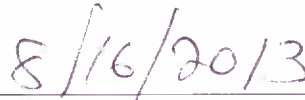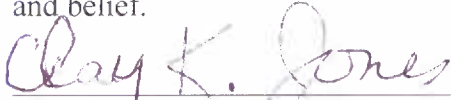
(signature)

Debra K Jackson
CONTRACTING OFFICER
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VAMC #586

_8/16/20_   Date

b. P&C: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(signature)

CHIEF, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING   _8/16/2013_   Date
VAMC/586,NETWORK 16 CONTRACTING ACTIVITY