

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition**

2237 Transaction # 605-14-1-6022-0066

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 22 Network Contracting Office located at 4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Suite 600, Long Beach, CA 90815 on behalf of the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for purchase request transaction 605-14-1-6022-0066.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System (VALLHS) has an urgent requirement for a Medium Voltage Electrical Technician due to a faulty switchgear unit preventing automatic switchover to emergency power generators in case of power failure. VALLHS staff do not currently have the expertise or qualifications necessary to perform manual switchover of the switchgear due to the voltage present at the switchgear unit. Lack of the ability to manually switchover results in loss of power to an operational medical facility.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required Meeting the Agency's Needs:** VALLHS requires an on-site Medium Voltage Electrical Technician to provide manual switchover to emergency power generators in case of a loss of main power. The Medium Voltage Electrical Technician would be required 24 hours a day, 7 days a week due to the critical nature of the potential loss of power to the medical facility. The requirement is anticipated not to exceed three (3) weeks due to the pending repair of the faulty switchgear unit.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - () (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - (X) (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):** Faulty switchgear was discovered during routine maintenance. The nature of the fault prevents automatic switchover to emergency power generating equipment, resulting in a potential loss of power to an operational medical facility. The manual switchover function is not impacted by the switchgear fault, however VALLHS does not have staff with the appropriate expertise to perform the manual function on an ongoing basis due to voltage threshold limitations. The lack of the ability to manually switch to emergency power results in a potential loss of power to an operational medical facility. Emergency procurement of a standby Medium Voltage Electrical Technician is required to prevent power loss to the facility while ensuring the

facility can provide routine, emergency and critical life saving support and medical care to Veterans. Pacific Industrial Electric was contacted and confirmed their capability to provide the necessary qualified personnel in the timeframe required.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Due to the nature of the requirement and the urgency in which resolution was required in order to prevent impairment of healthcare delivery capabilities, only one source was contacted. Pacific Industrial Electric previously provided electrical services and confirmed availability for immediate placement of an on-site Medium Voltage Electrical Technician with the appropriate expertise and qualifications.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable :** The anticipated costs do not meet the threshold for requiring certified cost and pricing data, however sufficient data exists for the the Contracting Officer to ensure all costs are realistic, fair and reasonable based on market research, previous acquisition history and independent government estimates to ensure the overall best value for the Government.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market Research was not conducted due to the compelling urgency with which the need for fulfilling the requirement dictated. Market research will be conducted for purposes of verifying cost reasonableness as stated in Section 7 above.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None
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:** Subsequent routine requirements for standby Medium Voltage Electrical Technicians is not anticipated due to the planned repair of the faulty switchgear equipment.
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.

Geoffrey Schuller

November 6, 2013

Title: Assistant Chief, FMS
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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.

Amanda J. Simmons
Contracting Officer
NCO 22

Date

- b. **NCM/PCM:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Kevin Blanchard
Network Contract Manager
NCO 22

Date