

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**


**Justification and Approval**

**For**

**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 04, Louis A Johnson VAMC Medical Center 540-14-1-072-0011
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Firm fixed price purchase order for equipment upgrade to existing system. Replacing the LIS system that is currently attached to the facilities Chemical Analyzers.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** REMISOL Server, 2 monitors, 2 instrument attachments, installation & training.
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;
  - ( ) (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;
  - (x) (8) Brand Name Justification FAR 6.302-1(c);
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Only Beckman Coulter Remisol Monitors and modules are technically acceptable. The equipment must be work with multiple Beckman Coulter instruments i.e. Coulter LH780/785, 750/755, & 500, UniCel DxC 600, 600i, 800, & 800i, AutoMate 800, FP1000 Cell prep System & Cytomics FC500.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A Sources Sought was issued on FBO on 11/12/13 (VA244-14-I-0131). Three vendors expressed interest one vendor was a VOSB, the second was SDVOSB and the third was the manufacturer.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** It is cheaper than purchasing a lab full of equipment. Upgrading the computer system is cheaper than buying several new pieces of lab equipment.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** A Sources Sought was issued on FBO on 11/12/13 (VA244-14-I-0131). Three vendors expressed interest one vendor was a VOSB, the second was SDVOSB and the third was the manufacturer.
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:** "See Section VI above."
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:** None
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.

  
Frank Secreto  
Laboratory Manager/SMT  
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12-10-13  
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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Alison Klein  
Contract Specialist  
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12/11/13
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Date

- b. **VISN/PCA QA**: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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NA  
Name  
Title  
Facility

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NA  
Date

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

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Name  
Network Contract Manager  
VISN/PCA X

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Date