

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, VACIHS Central Iowa Health Care Center, Des Moines, IA. 636A6-14-101SL Relocate Histology, 2237# 636-14-1-9238-0001.

Contract Specialist: Angie Mabley, 515-699-5886.

Engineering Services POC: Troy Martinson, PE, 515-699-1435.

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** A new construction project that has a need for brand named items for Hirsch. This is a partial requirement for project 636A6-14-101SL Relocate Histology. This project will be solicited as a 100% set aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business and will be procured as an Invitation For Bid (IFB).
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Acquisition of following security equipment to be installed by a Hirsch authorized installer:
  - a. Hirsch Electronics: Scramble Proximity Card Reader (DS47-SSP-HID-HI), Black Box (MB1, Flush Mount)
  - b. Bosch Security Systems: Request to Exit Motion Detectors (DS160)
  - c. GE: Door Position Switches (1070 CW ¾" Flush Mount)

Total price [REDACTED]

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;

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

The existing security entry detection system is manufactured by Hirsch Electronics, GE and Detection Systems. Any new components and/or connectivity of any new or existing components must be able to tie into and be compatible with the current system and its software.

The security system located throughout the VACIHCS was originally awarded competitively. The system as a whole is part of a major system that is highly specialized to meet the security requirements of the facility. If a different system was to be used, there would be a substantial duplication of costs to the Government that would not be recovered through competition. There would also be unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirement. The use of the Hirsch Products and its services of the system are essential to the Government requirements. Accordingly, Hirsch is the only product available of being capable of providing the supplies and services described in Section III above without the Veteran's Health Administration, VACIHCS experiencing substantial duplication of cost that could not be expected to be recovered through competition and unacceptable delays in fulfilling its requirements.

6. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

The anticipated costs shall be determined Fair and Reasonable by the awarding Contracting Officer based upon market research and past similar requirements.

7. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

As described in Section VI above, market research, in accordance with FAR Part 10, was conducted by synopsis of the proposed acquisition, advising industry of the pending acquisition and soliciting inquiries from interested parties.

Based upon previous acquisitions for the same items, market research has shown to be limited to Hirsch and its products.

8. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

New components must be able to tie into an existing and operational system including the use of software. At this time, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with the existing system being used at VACIHCS.

9. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

See Section VI above.

10. **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:**

There are no other vendors available who have fully integrated products for the Hirsch Security Entry Detection System. If in the future, other vendors are capable of supplying such products, VACIHCS will open competition to their products and all vendors.

11. **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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2-11-14  
Date

12. 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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Name  
Title  
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- b. NCM/PLCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

[Signature]  
Michael Casper  
Product Line Contracting Manager  
Network 23 Contracting Office

2-12-14  
Date