

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, St. Cloud VA Health care System, 4801 Veterans Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303, 618-14-2-040-0243. This is a justification for other than full and open competition.

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

Firm fixed price purchase order for Cisco modules for a server upgrade at the Minneapolis VA. [REDACTED] Delivery Date 2/21/2014.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

The Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) requires additional 10G Blades for two existing 6509 Fiber Routers. This upgrade requires the purchase of parts including several modules and blade components. The upgrade will preserve the bandwidth necessary to support critical medical devices and systems in use at MVAHCS. This is a parts only request, VA OI&T staff will provide all installation and configuration services required. Order must include the following parts:

Item #	Part Number	Description	Qty
1	WS-X6908-10G-2T	C6K 8 port 10 Gigabit Ethernet module with Dist Fwd Card DCF4 and 8 port 10G SFP Baseboard	2
2	X2-10GB-SR	10GBASE-SR X2 Module	4
3	X2-10GB-LRM	10GBASE-LRM X2 Module	20

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):**

MVAHCS OI&T has reported the Cisco Routers at the facility have exhausted their capacity for processing and transferring data for mission critical medical devices supporting MVAHCS and locations throughout VISN23. The Cisco 6509 Routers at MVAHCS require urgent replacement of two 10 Gig Blades and Interface Modules. The specific parts must be new, Cisco parts, which ensure compliance and compatibility to the existing Cisco Routers and the Cisco SMARTnet Service Agreement associated. A network shutdown has been planned for February 22<sup>nd</sup> to install these components, which does not allow time for competition.

The Cisco parts requested are essential to the timely upgrade/repair of the router. Over 2,000 medical devices at MVAHCS and V23 are directly impacted by this system. In addition, MVAHCS and V23 are unable to add/install new

medical systems to the VA network without this upgrade/repair. As of today, there are 38 new medical system projects (worth over \$20M) waiting for the upgrade to be completed.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

Due to the emergency nature of this procurement no other sources were sought.

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

Because this is a commercially available product it is anticipated that the price will be fair and reasonable.

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

A previous competitive solicitation was awarded for refurbished Cisco parts. At the time of installation it was determined that refurbished parts would not be acceptable. Thus the installation needed to be rescheduled. The new procurement was for new Cisco parts distributed via a Cisco vendor partner to meet OI&T expectations and support requirements. WWT meets this criteria. Due to the urgent nature of the procurement no other sources were sought.

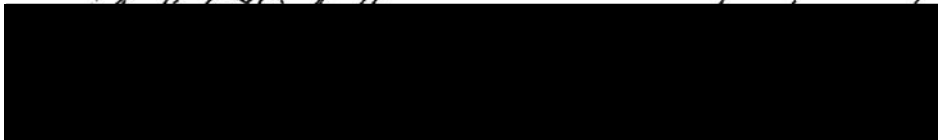
9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: None

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:

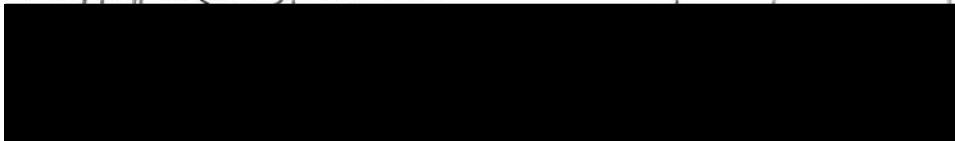
Market research and a competitive solicitation will be conducted for future non-urgent procurements.

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.



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.



- b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition and I approve this justification.

