

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$3,000

FAR PART 8.405-6(g)

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 541-14-2-9233-0013

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source: Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: **Blue Tech, Inc.**

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Patrick Bowman 888-845-2583

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 2251 San Diego Ave. #B-155, San Diego, CA 92110

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: N/A

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10
6150 Oak Tree Blvd. Suite 300
Independence, Ohio 44131-2569

VISN:

10

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 541-14-2-9233-0013

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

VISN 10 NCOD has a requirement for NVIVO software from QSI International to build surveys, customer service satisfaction rollups, etc. They purchased four license a number of years ago that are no longer compatible with existing Windows PC operating systems. License are required to allow them to continue to do their daily work and be in compliance with the national Windows 7 mandate.

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

NVIVO10 1 NVIVO 10 PERPETUAL LICENSE W/1YR
SUPPORT

4 EA 1

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$4,846

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: April 1 2014

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)

- ☐ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.
- ☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:
- ☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.
- ☒ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

Nvivo version 7 software is currently an integral part of V10 NCOD's daily workflow. They use this software to analyze and report content from interviews, focus groups and surveys to the top levels of VA management. Nvivo's compatibility with VA's online tools such as sharepoint and SQL server is a critical piece for automation and efficiency.

Normally, we would have done a simple credit card order to upgrade to the latest version. However, version 10 is the current software release and the company only allows you to upgrade from version 8 and above.

- ☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.
- ☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

Per FAR 8.404(d), GSA has already determined prices of supplies and fixed-price service to be fair and reasonable.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

A search was conducted on NAC/GSA/VA Advantage and SEWP, no other vendor was found that could deliver the supplies needed.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

Request 171599 was created on SEWP on 1/21/2014 through 1/24/2014 contacting SEWP IV Contract Holders for bids.

(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE: N/A

(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*



Mark Clutter
COTR
IT Project Manager, VISN 10

02/18/2014

DATE

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(h):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Thomas P. Moore
Contracting Officer
NCO 10



DATE

HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL: (REQUIRED \$3K and above)

b. NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Terry Spitzmiller
NCM
NCO 10



DATE