

Attachment 2: Request for Sole Source Memo Format

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 11, VA NIHCS 610  
2237# 610-14-2-176-0199

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

Contractor to provide and install the Nurse Call Cover Plates and screws in the table below in Building 185 at the Marion VA NIHCS campus located at 1700 E 38th Street, Marion, IN 46953:

70	Nurse Call Covers for Patient Rooms	RONCO	R5HSSCP
104	Nurse Call Covers for Bath Areas	RONCO	R5HSPBCP
800	SECURITY SCREWS (tamper proofed)	N/A	N/A

This procurement is needed to meet patient safety requirements in critical mental health areas in Marion Building 185

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

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Estimated cost of the contract will be approximately \$48,719.00. POP: April 2014  
Vendor: Thundercat Technology, LLC, 1775 Wiehle Ave., Ste 101, Reston, VA 20190

**4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

- (x) (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):**

Only One Responsible Source: Thundercat just recently deployed a new nurse call system throughout the VA NIHCS. The new nurse call system is covered under an initial 1<sup>st</sup> year warranty. Thundercat informed us that if any other vendor deploys these nurse call covers, it will void the warranty.

Unusual and Compelling Urgency: These particular faceplates are needed to meet patient safety requirements in critical psychiatric care areas in Building 185.

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

Thundercat informed us that if any other vendor deploys these nurse call covers, it will void the initial 1<sup>st</sup> year warranty that they provide on the overall nurse call system throughout the VA NIHCS.

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

The estimated Cost to the Government is anticipated to be Fair and Reasonable. The price quoted for these new faceplate installations is \$48,719.00.

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

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

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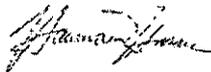
**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

ThunderCat Technology, LLC  
SUITE 104  
1775 Wiehle Ave Ste 101  
Reston, VA 20190

**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:**

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**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.

  
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Name: Hammam Y. Hasan  
Title: Chief, Biomedical Engineering  
Facility: VA NIHCS (610) – Fort Wayne Campus

Date: 3/20/14

**13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304** *This part if filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

- 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  
Network 11 Contract Office

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

Calynda C. Barnes  
Name

3/27/14  
Date

NCM/Supervisory Contract Specialist (as appropriate)  
Network 11 Contract Office

- c. **SAO (If over \$650K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Ricky L. Lemmon  
SAO Director  
Central Region

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Date

- d. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (if over \$12.5 million) or approve (\$650K to \$12.5 million) for other than full and open competition.

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NORBERT S. DOYLE  
Chief of Procurement and Logistics Officer  
VHA, Head of Contracting Activity

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Date

- e. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$12.5 million but not exceeding \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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C. FORD HEARD  
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

- f. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million)**: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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JAN R. FRYE

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics  
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

