

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

FOR

OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. **CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office VISN 20, 1495 Wilmington Drive Suite 360, DuPont WA, proposes to enter into a contract on a basis of other than full and open competition for Boise VA Medical Center, 500 Fort Street, Boise, ID. Purchase request/solicitation number: 531-14-2 [REDACTED]/VA260-14-R-0050.

2. **NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING PROCESSED:** This justification is to support the construction of Bldg. 67 ICU 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at Boise VA Medical Center, Boise Idaho. This justification is for other than full and open competition for the procurement of certain construction materials. The use of a particular brand for the items listed below accommodates standardization of these items throughout the facility. A firm-fixed price contract will be awarded to the selected contractor.

3. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEEDS:**

A. ALERTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. BACtalk System: The selected contractor is required supply and installs ALERTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. BACtalk system including digital control management system components and software that will allow seamless integration into the existing ALERTON SYSTEM currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center campus. Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

B. LENEL SECURITY SYSTEM: The selected contractor is required to supply and install the Lenel Security System associated hardware and software, to include door magnetic lock, cameras, card readers, motion sensors, door contacts and other security system devices that will allow a seamless integration into the existing LENEL SYSTEM, currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center campus. Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

C. EDWARDS EST – 3 Fire Alarm System: The selected contractor is required to supply and install Edwards EST – 3 Fire Alarm System and software that will allow seamless integration into the existing EDWARDS EST – 3 – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center campus. Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

D. SIMPLEX-GRINNELL Nurse Call System: The selected contractor is required to supply and install SIMPLEX-GRINNELL fully integrated nurse call system and software that will allow seamless integration into existing system. SIMPLEX-GRINNELL Nurse Call, EZ Care, VITAL touch system is currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center campus. Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

E. SWISS LOG Pneumatic Tube System: The selected contractor is required to supply and install Swiss Log Pneumatic Tube System and software that will allow seamless integration into the existing Swiss Log Pneumatic Tube System currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center primary medical facilities providing connectivity to the hospital lab. Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

4. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION:**

41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1), FAR 6.302-1 (a) (2), Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements, and FAR 6.302-1 (c) application for Brand Name Description

5. **DEMONSTRATION THAT THE BRAND NAME UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS OR NATURE OF THE ACQUISITION REQUIRES THE USE OF THE AUTHORITY CITED ABOVE (APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY):**

These items have been standardized throughout Boise VA Medical Center facility. Installing different manufacturer systems will create significant duplication in cost for the facility. The cost to replace these systems and the associated collateral costs for implementation, testing training, etc. could not be recouped in the re-procurement. These systems are necessary to maintain consistency across the VA facility, ensure compatibility with the current infrastructure, provide for seamless integration, minimize any interoperability issues and to enable VA to leverage in-house expertise that will minimize any adverse impact costs associated with overall manpower, training and time required to implement new systems.

**A. ALERTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. BACTALK SYSTEM:** The System provides BACnet-compliant ALERTON hardware and software that meets the existing system's functional specifications. System characteristics include, but are not limited to:

- (1) All devices shall be 100% BACnet compliant.
- (2) New devices, controllers, etc. must integrate seamlessly into the existing Alerton System. No gateways can be used.
- (3) The extension of the energy management system must use the existing MSTP communication trunks and global controllers.
- (4) Microsoft Internet Explorer Browser is not allowed.
- (5) Thermostats must have a LCD display that displays the outside air temperature, the area temperature, and the current set-point. Thermostats must have an unoccupied setback override that puts the area into an occupied status in 15-minute increment. Thermostats must be user adjustable within the limits allowed by the energy management system.

**B. LENEL SECURITY SYSTEM:** The VAMC Boise utilizes Lenel Security Systems for its security system. Additional Lenel hardware and software, to include door magnetic lock, cameras, card readers, motion sensors, door contacts and other security system devices that will allow a seamless integration into the existing campus system.

**C. EDWARDS EST – 3 – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM:** Hardware and software meets the existing system's functional specifications. The supply and installation of Edwards EST – 3 Fire Alarm System including software will allow seamless integration into the existing campus wide EDWARDS EST – 3 – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

**D. SIMPLEX-GRINNELL NURSE CALL SYSTEM:** The VAMC Boise utilize the SIMPLEX-GRINNELL fully nurse call system and software. Additional equipment must interface with the SIMPLEX-GRINNELL Nurse Call, EZ Care, VITAL touch system is currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center campus. The components must be compatible so that they work seamlessly with the existing system components and campus network.

**E. SWISS LOG PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM:** Hardware and software that will allow seamless integration into the existing Swiss Log Pneumatic Tube System currently installed throughout the Boise VA Medical Center primary medical facilities providing connectivity to the hospital lab. The components must be compatible so that they work seamlessly with the existing system components.

**6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS ARE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS DEEMED PRACTICABLE:**

In accordance with the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA), the items identified above are identified as brand name; however, the overall procurement will be competed. The procurement will be issued as a request for proposal (RFP) and is 100% set-aside for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concerns only.

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

The anticipated price to the Government for the items requested to be brand name is approximately [REDACTED]. Each item listed above, for which brand name approval is being requested, is a subsequent component of the overall project. This procurement will be competed, and based on competition the Contracting Officer will make a determination of fair and reasonable pricing prior to award.

A. ALERTON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM was originally selected through a competitive process. Subsequent projects and awards have shown material pricing to be consistent with this original award. Changing to another security system would result in substantial duplication of Government costs.

B. LENEL SECURITY SYSTEM is the manufacturer for the current security system for the Boise VA Medical Center. The system was originally selected through a competitive process. Changing to another security system would result in substantial duplication of Government costs.

C. EDWARDSs EST-3 FIRE ALARM SYSTEM was originally selected through a competitive process. Subsequent projects and awards have shown material pricing to be consistent with this original award. Changing to another security system would result in substantial duplication of Government costs.

D. SIMPLEX-GRINNELL NURSE CALL SYSTEM was originally selected through a competitive process. Subsequent projects and awards have shown material pricing to be consistent with this original award. Changing to another security system would result in substantial duplication of Government costs.

E. SWISS LOG PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM was originally selected through a competitive process. Subsequent projects and awards have shown material pricing to be consistent with this original award. Changing to another security system would result in substantial duplication of Government costs.

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

All market research was performed by the requesting office/government personnel to secure prices for the government estimate. Approval of these items as brand name is critical for the overall efficiency of the completed project at the Boise VA Medical Center as a whole.

**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:**

Not Applicable. It is the responsibility of the offerors and the successful general contractor to locate suppliers and obtain pricing for all building materials, including the items listed in this justification.

**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:**

There will be competition for the overall procurement. It will be responsibility of the offerors to obtain pricing from suppliers and to submit a competitive offer for the project. All subsystems and components listed in this justification were originally competed and the products offering the best value to the Government were selected at that time. In the event the subsystems and components reach the end of its useful lifecycle or no longer meet the Government's requirement, an in depth analysis of the market place will be conducted to identify any/all barriers to competition and to ensure that competition can be obtained to the maximum extent practicable, and procurement of the required subsystems and component will be competed in accordance with all procurement laws and regulations.

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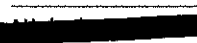
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**b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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