

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

**ORDER >\$3,000
FAR PART 8.405-6**

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #:
537-14-2-6985-0016, 537-14-110 Replace Switchgear Building 21

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: A Star Electric co
Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Tom Doyle
Mfg/Contractor Address: 200 Seegers Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Dealer/Rep address/phone number: 847-452-1517

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

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY: Department of Veterans Affairs
GREAT LAKES ACQUISITION CENTER
115 S. 84TH STREET
SUITE 101
MILWAUKEE, WI 53214-1476
VISN : VISN 12

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:
4160 volt SEL protective relay for electrical medal clad vacuum break circuit breakers

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

1. Extending the exiting SEL protective relay system.
(b) **ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$100,000
(c) **REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** N/a

(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.

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.

1. The SEL protective relays is UL Listed with proprietary system components, manufacturer dependent replacement parts and manufacturer specific programming protocol (per listing requirements) which allows for proper operation of the electrical system. SEL Protective Relaying is microprocessor-based protective relays, integrated into 4160 volt the electrical medal clad vacuum break circuit breakers for overcurrent and line protection with event reporting. The existing SEL relays are protecting the existing 3.2 MW ESG cogeneration natural gas turbine and are acceptable to the electrical utility (ComEd) for

paralleling load.

(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:

All systems described are core to the safe operation of the facility and give a reasonable standard of care to the patients. The Jesse Brown facility has elected to standardize these relays for ease of operation, maintenance, energy management, etc. It would be impractical and compromise campus operations to use different relays at different locations throughout campus. Therefore, the most cost effective solution for expansions or upgrades to the system is to expand the existing relay system.

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

Other equipment manufacturers or sources claiming to be "equal" have been tried in the past and found to be deficient. This product contains proprietary protocols and is the only product that is fully compatible with the existing campus-wide card access security/alarm systems.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

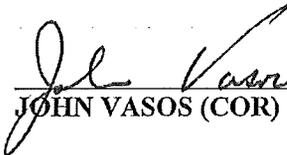
All these systems and agreements were based on competitive bid awards meeting the VA standards

(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:

It is not practical to have multiple systems or agreements for these specific systems

(9). Certifications:

I hereby certify that the data provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



JOHN VASOS (COR)

3/25/2014
Date

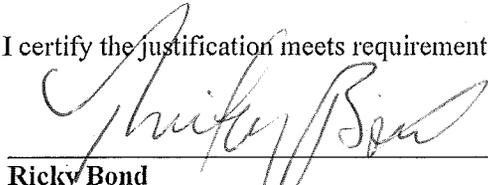
I hereby determine that the circumstances of this contract action deem only one source reasonably available.



Anne Vossler
Contracting Officer

3/25/2014
Date

I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Ricky Bond
Contracting Officer Supervisor, Construction Team
Network Contracting Office 12, GLAC

3/25/14
Date