

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

**OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN
JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL (J&A)
(FEDERAL SUPPLIES SCHEDULE)**

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In accordance with FAR 6.302-1, this J&A for limited sources include the following information:

1. **Identification of the agency and the contracting activity, and specific identification of the document as a "Other than Full and Open Justification."**
 - a. Agency/Contracting Activity: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/Veterans Benefits Administration.
2. **Nature and/or description of the action being approved; (i.e., sole source, limited competition, establishment of a new source, brand name, etc.):**

This justification and approval (J&A) sets forth the facts supporting procurement of a Maintenance Contract (Base + 3 Option Yrs) on an "Other Than Full and Open" basis for the VA Regional Office (VARO), ST Petersburg, FL, from L-3 National Security Solutions, Inc., 11955 Freedom Drive, Reston, VA 20190. The intent of the procurement is to award to L-3 National Security Solutions, Inc. due to their being the manufacturer of the equipment being maintained and the equipment containing proprietary software/hardware that only technicians of L-3 are allowed to maintain without voiding the warranty (FAR 6.302-1).
3. **Description of supplies or services required to meet the Agency's needs (including estimated value):**

The ST Petersburg VARO has a requirement to maintain the Metal Detectors utilized in accessing the VARO. The proper working order of this equipment is essential to the safety of the VARO. The total value of the procurement is estimated at \$33,667.68 (Base plus 3 Option Years).
4. **Identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:**
 - FAR 6.302-1 (*Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements*).
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**
 - L-3 National Security Solutions, Inc. is the manufacturer of the equipment being maintained and due to patent issues and proprietary software/hardware are the only Vendor allowed to maintain the equipment without voiding the warranty. Due this only their technicians have the proper training to maintain this equipment.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

The Contracting Officer has determined that due to the uniqueness of the requirement additional Efforts will not produce any alternate sources.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Any contract awarded based upon this J&A will be negotiated and a determination made that the price is Fair and Reasonable.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** No market Research conducted since only one Vendor authorized to provide required services.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Besides the Vendor being the only available provider of the required maintenance services it needs to be pointed out that the proper maintenance of these Metal Detectors is vital to the overall safety of the VARO and it's employees.
10. **List sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition:** N/A
11. **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

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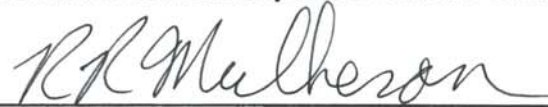
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12. CERTIFICATIONS, CONCURRENCES, AND APPROVAL

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.

CERTIFICATION:  2/28/14
ST Petersburg VARO, Support Services Division Director Date

I certify, as the Contracting Officer, that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I determine that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

CERTIFICATION:  2-28-14
Contracting Officer Signature Date

APPROVED:  02/28/2014
Supervisory Contracting Officer Date