

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Acquisition and Logistics
Technology Acquisition Center
23 Christopher Way
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a 12-month Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) contract with two 12-month option periods for a PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription from PointSecure Technologies, Inc. to support the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Security Operations Center Compliance Scanning Service (NSOC CSS). This effort will enable VA to assess and report on the security configurations of its Open Virtual Memory System (VMS). This information will be provided to system owners and developers for remediation to ensure systems and VA data are properly secured.
3. Description of Supplies or Services: The PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription is a vulnerability assessment tool designed to check profile, privilege, file, and system parameter settings, as well as, alert VA of exposures that might exist on its OpenVMS system. PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription provides a series of customizable reports to assess VA's OpenVMS systems for known configuration and vulnerability flaws to efficiently assess the security of VA's system.

The PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription enhances OpenVMS security by allowing for the quick viewing of critical security settings. This "at-a-glance" view automates many command line queries allowing VA to quickly uncover violations of the security policy. By running tests and saving information over a period of time, changes that might compromise the system are discovered much more quickly, thereby allowing for a faster reaction/remediation time. PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription can perform this comprehensive security check in a short amount of time and can give an immediate indication of whether unauthorized personnel have been granted potentially damaging privileges.

4. Statutory Authority: The statutory permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C 3304(a)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 6.302-1 entitled, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements."
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: This effort is proposed to be awarded to PointSecure Technologies, Inc., 802 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, Texas, 77006. Based on extensive market research, as described in paragraph 8 of this document, it was determined that only one responsible source is available for the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor. The PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription supports scans of OpenVMS based systems which are the Operating System for VA's Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA). These scans will ensure systems are properly secured prior to future Office of Inspector General (OIG)

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assessments. The PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription will help to eliminate and mitigate Information Technology Material Weaknesses associated with findings enumerated by yearly Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and OIG audits.

The VA NSOC CSS cannot perform its functions effectively and efficiently without the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription. There are currently no other products in the marketplace that can meet all of VA's requirements for an OpenVMS auditing tool. PointSecure Technologies, Inc. does not have affiliation or agreements in place with any authorized resellers who can provide the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription, therefore PointSecure Technologies, Inc. is the only responsible source that exists to complete this requirement.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, the details of which are in the market research section of this document in paragraph 8 below. The market research conducted did not yield any potential sources, other than PointSecure Technologies, Inc., who could meet all of the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. Additionally, the proposed action will be synopsisized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page (FedBizOpps) in accordance with FAR Part 5.201. Any proposals received shall be evaluated.

7. Actions to Increase Competition: In order to remove or overcome barriers to competition in future acquisitions for this requirement, the agency will work with the program office to perform additional market research so that other solutions can be considered.

8. Market Research: The Government technical experts performed market research and found other auditing tools were available, however none of these tools has the ability to scan the OpenVMS. Additional market research was conducted by technical experts in March 2014 to identify potential authorized resellers of the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription. The technical team posted a Request for Information (RFI) on the National Aeronautical Space Administration's Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) IV Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) in March 2014. No responses were received in response to the RFI. Two additional RFIs were posted in April of 2014 by the Technology Acquisition Center (TAC) on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website (VA118-14-I-0229) and the NASA SEWP (RFI 176169) website seeking sources to provide PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription or equivalent products. One response was received in response to the RFI posted on the FBO website from Point Secure Technologies, Inc. No responses were received in response to the RFI on the NASA SEWP website.

Based on the information above, the Government's technical experts have determined that only the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription can meet all of VA's technical requirements and PointSecure Technologies, Inc. is the only responsible source for this product as they are the sole proprietor of this software and currently there are no authorized resellers of the PointAudit Enterprise Auditor Subscription.

9. Other Facts: None