

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, 00562 Erie Medical Center  
This is a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition. Purchase Request 562-14-3-700-0421

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

This procurement is for the replacement of the current CASE Cardiac Stress System and for a software upgrade to CASE V6.7. This will result in a new contract (firm-fixed price Purchase Order)

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

The equipment needed to meet this requirement includes:

- CASE Cardiac Stress System
- CASE V6.7 Software Upgrade

Delivery and Installation Services shall be completed within 14 days after receipt of award.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1. The specific paragraph must be cited. Most likely, only the -1 or -2 authorities will be cited. Please be aware that failure to adequately plan for future requirements does not constitute appropriate use of the unusual and compelling urgency statutory authority.

- (x) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;  
( ) (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):**

This cardiac stress system must interface with the cardiology system that is in use at the Pittsburgh VA Medical Center. This system is MUSE by GE Healthcare. GE Healthcare provides the only software that will successfully integrate and communicate with Pittsburgh's system.

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

GE Healthcare is the only company that can meet the needs of this procurement.

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

The Pittsburgh VA Medical Center currently uses the same equipment. The quote received from GE Healthcare will be compared to the past purchase price of this and other VAs to ensure 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:**

N/A.

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

N/A.

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

See Section VI above.

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:**

N/A.

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.

(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service, someone with responsibility and accountability)

*Timothy D. Johnson Supervisor Surgical/Specialty Clinics 5-21-14*

*Kathy Fromknecht*

Name: Kathy Fromknecht

5-21-14  
Date

Title: *Surgical Quality Nurse/*  
Erie VAMC, Station 562 *Transplant Coordinator*

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304** This part is 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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Jennifer Callahan  
Contracting Officer  
Erie VAMC, Station 562

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Date

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

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Jaimy Rand, Chief Contracting  
Signing for  
Network Contract Manager  
VISN 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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Name  
Director  
Service Area Office, East

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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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Name  
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer  
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

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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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NAME  
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