

May 12, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For


Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 04, James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center justification for other than full and open competition to PRISM MEDICAL HOSPITAL GROUP.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Expand existing patient lift overhead track system in Rehab to service the treadmill. Load test and recertify both new and existing installation to 125% of design capacity. (1.25 x 625 lbs. = 782 lbs. *minimum*.)
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This is not a new installation. The existing Patient Lift installed by Prism needs to be modified per the above. Only Prism can tie into their existing equipment and re-certify.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - (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):** No other Lift installer would be willing to re-certify existing equipment they did not install. They would bid on ripping out the old system and installing their own product. This would be a waste of taxpayer money, and would result in VA having to arrange inspections of two different vendors.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** None to date.....It is not advisable to "mix-and-match" products from various vendors for overhead equipment used to carry patients weighing up to 625 lbs.....The only way this could be accomplished would be to have Ward 1 using products from Vendor A, Ward 2 using products from Vendor B, etc.....Even then it would be difficult to service all lift equipment at this VAMC.

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7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The contracting office has deemed the price fair and reasonable base upon a comparison of previous similar contracts.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** None.....Per the above, only Prism can re-certify their existing (modified) equipment.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** If the overhead lift system is not expanded to service the treadmill, VA may have to limit use of this treadmill and exclude heavier patients.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** PRISM MEDICAL HOSPITAL GROUP
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:**
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.

  
Jessica Barnes  
Administrative Officer  
James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center

5/12/14  
Date

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.

  
(Contracting Officer's Name)  
James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center

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- b. **One Level above Contracting Officer:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. \*This signature may be the VISN NCM if the Contracting Officer and Contracting Supervisor is the same individual.

*Shawn E Smith*  
for  
Shawn E Smith  
Supervisory Contract Specialist  
James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center

*5/15/14*  
Date

- c. NCM : I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Name  
Network Contract Manager  
VISN X

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Date

- d. SAO East: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Date

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