

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS


Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 10, Chillicothe, Ohio Medical Center
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Brand Name Justification for Best Locks cores for construction project to renovate the Clinical Addition Building 31. The general scope of this project is to construct a two-story addition with a full basement to the existing Building 31. This includes demolition of the existing stair towers and some adjacent framing. It also includes demolition and construction of new underground utilities. This will be a firm fixed price contract and will be awarded as a new contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The Chillicothe, Ohio VAMC has standardized on the "BEST" keying system as our Grand Master Key System. To date the keyway milling configuration has been restricted to only BEST Access Systems for security concerns. Only the VAMC Lock Shop and BEST know the lock set information for our locks. To open this item up to other companies would result in loss of the current level of control of access to all areas of the campus. This tightly controlled information would have to be shared with every different hardware subcontractor on every different project, resulting in the spread of this critical information. Loss of control of this information would compromise the security of patients, staff, supplies, equipment, facilities and medications.
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):** The Chillicothe, Ohio VAMC has standardized the keying system and the "BEST" keying system has been the choice. This has been limited to provide security so that the VAMC lock shop and BEST are the only ones that have the lock information for the Hospital Facility. If we used a different locking system it would result in a loss of the current level of control access to all areas of the campus. The loss of control over this very important information would compromise the security of patients, staff, supplies, equipment, facilities and medications. The new lockset cylinders must be able to accommodate the existing Grand Master Key System.


6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: The facility has thousands of doors and each lockset must be able to accommodate the BEST core for standardization purposes.
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: It is in the best interest of the government to use this product. The pricing is in line with pricing provided to the vendor's other commercial customers, and is considered to be fair and reasonable. The pricing for the entire project will be determined to be fair and reasonable to the government based on competition and commercial price lists as applicable.
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: The master key system has been established here at the Chillicothe VAMC and the system for thousands of doors and needs to maintain this standardization in order to maintain efficiency and maintainability of the system.
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: N/A
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: No action can be taken in the circumstance due to the equipment being under warranty and the need to maintain this warranty.
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.


STEVE BENSON
Chief, Facility Management
Chillicothe VA Medical Center (538)y

5-8-14
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.


Supervisory Contracting Officer
NCO 10

5-19-14
Date

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

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