

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 Cisco network equipment 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 Cisco network equipment that will be provided under this project is covered by a manufacturer's comprehensive warranty program. In order for this program to be in effect however, the contractor installing the equipment must be certified by the manufacturer in order to maintain the integrity of the campus-wide network. This does not limit the ability for multiple vendors to provide the work as Cisco does not limit availability on a territorial basis. There are numerous Cisco certified vendors who can provide the work described in the project. Also, the Cisco equipment must be purchased from an authorized distributor and include a (1) year SMARTnet license in order for the equipment to roll over into the national VA Cisco maintenance agreement.
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 Cisco network equipment throughout the facility and it is covered by a manufacturer's comprehensive warranty program. This equipment has to be purchased from an authorized distributor and installed by a certified technician to maintain the integrity of the campus-wide network.
6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: The facility has requirements for this equipment to be covered by the warranty contract.

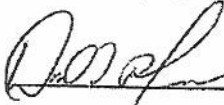
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: It is in the best interest of the government to use this product. The pricing is in line with pricing provided to the vendor's other commercial customers, and is considered to be fair 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. There are numerous Cisco certified vendors who can provide the work described in the project.
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: The Cisco equipment has been approved for the VA system and our CIO office maintains a warranty contract that covers the equipment and the network needs to maintain standardization in order to work efficiently. Also the Cisco equipment can be purchased from numerous authorized distributors.
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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