

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 Simplex Grinnell fire detection/mass notification system 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 existing VAMC Chillicothe campus Fire Detection equipment is comprised of a Simplex-Grinnell System that was recently installed across the campus. The necessity to maintain consistency with Simplex Grinnell equipment is imperative for the continued communication of said Fire Detection System/Mass Notification System. The equipment that will be provided under this project is covered by a manufacturers comprehensive warranty program. In order for this program to be in effect however, the contractor installing the equipment must be certified by the manufacturer. This does not limit the ability for multiple vendors to provide the work as Simplex-Grinnell does not limit availability on a territorial basis. There are numerous Simplex-Grinnell certified vendors who can provide the work described in the project
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's existing Fire Detection/Mass Notification equipment is comprised of a Simplex-Grinnell System which has been installed across campus. It is imperative that the continued communication of the System be consistent for the safety of the facility. This equipment is covered by a comprehensive warranty program. This equipment must be installed by a contractor certified by the manufacturer.
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 Simplex-Grinnell certified vendors who can provide the work described in the project.

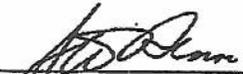
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: The Simplex Grinnell equipment has been approved for the VA system and installed across campus and the network needs to maintain standardization in order to work efficiently. Also the Simplex-Grinnell equipment can be purchased from numerous certified vendors.

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.



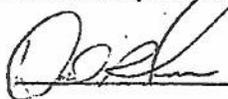
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Date

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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