

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** The Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Medical Center, Dayton, OH, VISN 10 Contracting – Dayton Facility. Purchase Request Number: 552-14-2-6932-0019.
2. **Nature and/or Description of Action Being Processed:** The requirement of contractor to use "Cisco Switches" for the network system components for the: Renovate Patient Kitchen B411, Project Number: 552-14-102.

**Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** As part of a project to renovate Building 411, housing Food and Nutrition section at the Dayton VAMC, the network system will be upgraded and will incorporate hardware with Cisco Switches. VA's Office of Information Technology, Enterprise Systems Engineering (ESE) has established the minimum baselines for all networking equipment after substantial testing in controlled environments. These baselines specify the use of specific hardware and software versions found to meet all VA requirements. Currently, only Cisco devices have approved baselines.

3. Estimated Value for the Cisco Switches
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1) Only One Responsible Source
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (3) Industrial, Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability or Expert Services
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (4) International Agreement
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (6) National Security
  - 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (7) Public Interest
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability authority):** This contract is being procured on a sole brand basis. A Cisco voice over internet protocol (VoIP) telephone system is currently deployed at the Dayton VAMC and all CBOCs. Each switch provides the correct Power over Ethernet (PoE) requirements to support those phones in use. It is necessary for the network system in this project to integrate seamlessly with the current system, thus justifying sole brand of the Cisco Switches.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that offers are solicited from as many Potential Sources as practicable:** A Cisco Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephony system is currently deployed at the Dayton VAMC and all CBOCs. Each Cisco switch provides the correct Power over Ethernet (PoE) requirements to support those phones in use. The configuration required to communicate with the server uses a Cisco proprietary protocol already in use across the network and not available in other vendors equipment. If Cisco networking equipment is not purchased, network engineers will be required to test and troubleshoot possibly incompatible protocols effectively delaying the clinic opening and creating substantially increased costs to the government. Furthermore, Cisco's network switches have been thoroughly tested and proven to work with the current port security baselines used throughout the network. These baselines ensure only authorized computers may communicate with servers and other devices at the Dayton VAMC.

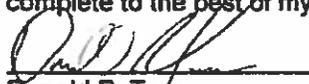
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: It is in the best interest of the government to use this product. There have been previous purchases for the Cisco Switches for the network system. The Contracting Officer will be able to determine a fair and reasonable pricing based on previous procurement history and commercial pricing. A fair and reasonable price determination will be made by the Contracting Officer based on competition.
8. Description of Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: No Market Research was conducted. The cost for this component will be compared with commercially published price list and catalogs on similar overhead paging systems. In addition the entire project will be procured by competitive Invitation for Bid (IFB).
9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other Than Full And Open Competition: N/A
10. Listing of Interested 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 Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies or Services Required: Solicitations for future requirements will utilize "Brand Name or Equal" language, if it is in the Government's best interest to do so. The current requirement must be solicited using a brand name description because the Government needs to create an exact copy of a system/item that is currently in use at the Dayton VAMC.
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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Ravindra Wani  
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Aug 27, 2014  
Date

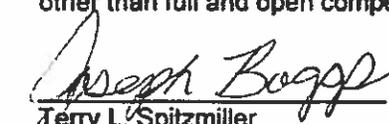
13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. Contracting Officers Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Donald P. Tam  
Product Line Supervisor/Contracting Officer  
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10

8-27-2014  
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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Terry L. Spitzmiller  
Director of Contracting  
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10

8/27/2014  
Date