

LIMITED SOURCE JUSTIFICATION and APPROVAL

1. REQUISITION / CONTRACT No.	2. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:	3. PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:	4. REQUESTING ACTIVITY:	5. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:
621-14-4-5636-0044	\$174,257.29	SimplexGrinnell LP 5695 Bobby Hicks Highway Johnson City, TN 37615 423-467-3547 GS-07F-0396M	621 Mountain Home, TN Keith Cretsinger P.O. Box 4000, Mail Stop 138D Mountain Home, TN 37684 423-926-1171 ext. 2048	Kenneth N. Hooks, Jr. Network Contracting Office (NCO 9) Central Region 1639 Medical Center Parkway Suite 400 Murfreesboro, TN 37219 615-225-3354

6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY: AUTHORITY PERMITTING RESTRICTION THE USE OF OTHER THEN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

FAR 8.405-6

(A) Orders or BPAs exceeding the micro-purchase threshold based on a limited sources justification.

(1) Circumstances justifying limiting the source.

(i) Order or BPA with an estimated value exceeding the micro-purchase threshold not placed or established in accordance with the procedures in 8.405-1, 8.405-2, or 8.405-3:

- ☐ (A): An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays;
- ☐ (B): Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized; or
- ☐ (C): In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order or BPA must not have been previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures.

☒ FAR 8.405-6 (B) *Items peculiar to one manufacturer*. An item peculiar to one manufacturer can be a particular brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer). A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer.

(1) Brand name specifications shall not be used unless the particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency's needs.

7. NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED:

Sole source firm-fixed price contract for proprietary software and hardware to upgrade the existing Simplex Fire Alarm System in Bldg. 162 from a conventional zone alarm notification system to an improved addressable initiating specific location alarm notification system. It shall include all addressable initiating devices with the most current edition of NFPA 72 and 101 standards. This also includes replacing the notification chimes and strobes with new appliances. This will upgrade the current coded notification system to a voice audio notification system.

8. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEEDS, INCLUDING THE ESTIMATED VALUE:

Upgrade the current fire alarm control panel (FACP) in building 162 (Community Living Center (CLC)) at the James H. Quillen VAMC, Mountain Home, Tennessee. Upgrade a 4100+ FACP and a 4020 FACP to 4100ES FACP's. Replace zone initiating devices with addressable initiating devices, install new smoke detectors in patient care corridors for complete corridor detection coverage, replace the coding notification bells with a selective voice audio notification system, correct fire alarm deficiencies listed on the Joint Commission's electronic Statement of Conditions, and install a clean agent suppression system in the radio equipment room. Newly installed equipment will comply with all National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Estimated value \$174,257.29.

9. A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS OR THE NATURE OF THE OF THE ACQUISITION REQUIRES USE OF THE AUTHORITY CITED:

Currently the system is maintained under a service contract under purchase order 621C40127 (GS-06F-0054N), with the proposed contractor. Simplex fire alarm systems are the only systems compatible with VAMC Mt. Home's current fire alarm network, which is a Simplex System comprised of 32 fire alarm panels. SimplexGrinnell is the only company certified and trained to program the proprietary fire alarm system software. SimplexGrinnell is the sole manufacturer of the proposed equipment to be upgraded / installed.

10. A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS ARE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE, INCLUDING WHETHER A NOTICE WAS OR WILL BE PUBLICIZED IN REQUIRED BY SUBPART 5.2 AND, IF NOT, WHICH EXCEPTION UNDER 5.202 APPLIES:

The software and hardware of the current 4100+ FACP and 4020 FACP systems will be upgraded to a 4100ES FACPS system which is proprietary to SimplexGrinnell. No other sources are capable of upgrading VAMC Mt. Home's current fire alarm system. In accordance with FAR 5.406(c) the limited source justification will posted to FBO.

11. A DETERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT THE ANTICIPATED COST TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE FAIR AND REASONABLE:

The contractor estimate is in-line with the IGCE. The anticipated cost is determined to be fair and reasonable based on the equipment and the installation is on GSA Schedule GS-07F-0396M.

12. A DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market research used was the GSA Schedule (GS-07F-0396M) and similar like action VA249-14-F-2246.

13. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION:

This is a proprietary system upgrade and replacing the entire system is not cost effective.

14. A LISTING OF THE SOURCES, IF ANY, THAT EXPRESSED, IN WRITING, AN INTEREST IN THE ACQUISITION:

None

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10 USC 2304(c) or 41 USC 253(c)

This justification has been prepared under the authority as set forth in FAR 8. This Justification documentation shall conform to guidance in FAR Part 8 405-6 for acquisitions using Federal Supply Schedule guidelines. The documentation shall conform to guidance in FAR Part 8, Department of Veteran Affairs Acquisition Regulation and NCO 9 Procurement Information Policy.

Orders placed under Federal Supply Schedules are exempt from the requirements in Part 6. However, an ordering activity must justify its action when restricting consideration-

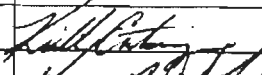
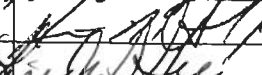

(1) Of schedule contractors to fewer than required in 8.405-1 or 8.405-2; or

(2) To an item peculiar to one manufacturer (e.g., a particular brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer). A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer. Brand name specifications shall not be used unless the particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency's need.

Circumstances that may justify restriction cited in paragraph (a)(1) of this subsection includes one of the above subsections in FAR 8.405-6.

15. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE APPROVALS:

Pursuant to FAR 1.707 Signature Authority, this Justification has been thoroughly reviewed and recommends approval. I certify that the above facts and representations under my cognizance that are included in this Justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Concur	TITLE	TYPED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Program Manager	Keith Cretsinger		7/28/2014
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contracting Officer	Kenneth N. Hooks, Jr.		7/28/2014
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