

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

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16: South Central VA Health Care Network has provided this Justification and Approval for Other Than Full and Open Competition for the procurement from the Emergency Care Research Institute (ECRI) for the HDG (Health Devices Gold) Online and Alerts Tracker information for VISIN 16 and facilities. Purchase Request number 635-15-1-962-0001.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: Request a new firm fixed priced contract for Sole Source procurement to ECRI (Emergency Care Research Institute), service for subscription services for the HDG (Health Devices Gold) Online and Alerts Tracker information for a period of performance November 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Plus four 12 Month Option Periods.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: The Health Device Gold services are required to maintain access to a database of information about healthcare products, suppliers and service providers for healthcare technologies around the world, unbiased reports, hazards and recall alerts, problem reporting system, consultation services, product evaluations, and detailed guidance articles. The Alert Tracker, is require to provide information that covers capital medical equipment and components, durable medical equipment, medical surgical supplies, electromechanical and biologic implants, clinical laboratory reagents, contrast media, drugs, blood products, and food products.

Estimated Value: \$332,602.44

Base Year: \$58,167.96

Option Year 1: \$59,331.32

Option Year 2: \$60,517.95

Option Year 3: \$61,728.30

Option Year 4: \$62,962.87

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit of Issue</u>
HDG (Health Devices Gold) Online Subscription	1	EA
Alerts Tracker	1	EA

Estimated delivery dates: 11-01-2014

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;

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority): ECRI is the only organization providing comprehensive reporting for medical procedures, devices, processes and drugs. ECRI provides the government with a one-stop resource for healthcare risk management,

patient and worker safety, regulatory and compliance updates improves the quality of medical devices, blood products, food, biologics, and drugs provided within the network.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: Contracting Officer published Special Notice for Intent to Sole Source (VA256-15-R-0007) via FedBizOpps on October 3, 2014 with results of zero interested vendors.

Contracting Officer Conducted SBA search with key word Subscription for Small Businesses in the local area that could meet the government requirement, however no SDVOSB, VOSB, WOSB, and 8A were not in the local area, possessed the capability and did not respond to the Intent to Sole Source notice posted on FBO to meet the government requirement. Historical procurements and other government agencies were posted via FedBizOpps concluded the same outcome.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The anticipated cost will be considered fair and reasonable from the onset pricing factor from the prior procurement history, other awarded contracts from government agencies, and obtain a published price catalog on the internet to assist the Contracting Officer in determining fair and reasonable pricing.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Contracting Officer published Special Notice for Intent to Sole Source (VA256-15-R-0007) via FedBizOpps on October 3, 2014 with results of zero interested vendors.

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A market survey was also conducted by the Technical Representative which included the review of similar products from the following websites:

<http://www.webmd.com>,

<http://www.marketresearch.com/browse.asp?categoryid=1126&am>

<http://www.bmecentral.com/services/index.php?cat=org>

The Technical Representative concluded none of these products offered the complete package that ECRI provides which includes alerts associated with both drugs and products/equipment.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: VISN 16: South Central VA Health Care Network and facilities require the services to prevent patient risk, and care by receiving the required medical device alerts or recalls.

Contracting Officer received nothing in writing from no interested contractors in response to the Intent to Sole Source published on FedBizOpps. Contracting Officer, has determine fair opportunity was given to all interested party to provide capabilities statements or communicate they have an equal product that will meet the government needs.

10. 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:

The requirements of VISN 16 Medical facilities at this time can only be met by ECRI. There was no interested contractor that could provide the comprehensive alerts systems that VISN 16 needs.

Government in the future will continue to post via FedBizOpps to provide government wide opportunity to identify acceptable alternate sources to meet the government needs.

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.

10/14/2014

Jason C Newman
VISN 16 Chief Clinical Engineer
V16 CAMS Office

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.

ANTHONY CP MARION
CONTRACTING OFFICER
Network Contracting Office 16

Date

b. P&C: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES G. FULKS
CHIEF, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING
Network Contracting Office 16

Date

Aaron Villalpando
Director of Contracting
Network 16 Contracting Office

Date