

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303, 618-15-1-4005-0144. This is a justification for other than full and open competition.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Firm fixed price purchase order for a base plus 4 option years for HI-IQ Software License renewal from Conexsys Inc. for the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The HI-IQ software, which has been utilized for over 15 years, is the database for all interventional procedures performed in the Imaging Department at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. The database facilitates workflow and captures comprehensive procedural data as well as inventory maintenance.

Est Price: [REDACTED]

Period of Performance: 1/8/2015 – 1/7/2020

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - (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 HI-IQ software has been utilized by the Minneapolis VA for over 15 years for all interventional procedures performed by the Imaging Department. The software has built a database that allows for tracking and querying inventory, doctors, exams, complications and doses which is stored on biomed servers. This historical data would be lost if the HI-IQ license is not renewed. The HI-IQ system was developed by the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) and the software is developed and marketed solely by ConexSys Inc., the healthcare division of Custom Computer Specialists under the exclusive guidance of the SIR.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** This will be synopsised IAW FAR 5.2
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Because this is a commercially available product it is anticipated that the price will be fair and reasonable.

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8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research was conducted to determine if there were any other vendors that could provide compatible software. Minneapolis' research included attending professional meetings and the Radiological Society of North America's (RSNA) exposition of Imaging equipment and software. Professional journals were also reviewed and it was determined that there is no other vendor that can provide a compatible product.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None
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:** Market research will be conducted for future procurements to determine if there is any other software that can meet the governments requirements. The Minneapolis VA Health Care System will also continue to attend the annual meeting of SIR and poll its peers to determine if they are using different software to achieve the same results.
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.

[Redacted Signature]

AO Imaging - MPLS

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Date

13. **Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.**

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Redacted Signature]

Contracting Officer – NCO 23 St. Cloud

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Date

- b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required \$150K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition and I approve this justification.

[Redacted Signature]

Branch Chief – NCO 23 St. Cloud

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Date