

Request for Sole Source Memo

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
VISN 08 CW Bill Young Medical Center  
Networking Contracting Office 8 (248)  
Rm. 328, Bldg. 2  
Bay Pines, FL 33744

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for other than full and open competition for the procurement of replacement equipment (Medical gases air compressors located at the B-9 mechanical room). The action will be awarded as a new firm-fixed price contract.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The contractor will provide and install three (3) air compressors for medical gases model Kobelco KMW Series A0 A/X, Standard unit Air Cooled. Contractor will remove existing compressors and install new air compressors models, perform the required connection to our existing air compressor system and provide the capacity to perform connections to the existing Building Automated System (Tracer Summit) used in the Graphic Control Center for remote monitoring at VA San Juan.

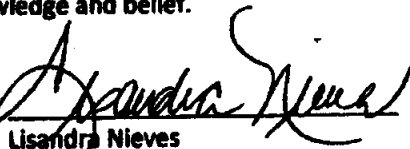
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** FAR 6.302-2 (b)(2) Unusual and compelling urgency.

- ( ) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- (X) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
- ( ) (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental, 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 objective of this acquisition is to acquire new air compressors replacement for the medical gases which serves patient bed tower, surgical rooms, emergency room and the intensive care units at VA San Juan.

The VA San Juan has eight (8) air compressor units which have reached their life expectancy. Currently four (4) air compressors units are inoperative and the working units are presenting symptoms of malfunctioning. If additional unit is damaged or become inoperative we will not be able to support the medical air demand to the servicing areas mentioned above. If unable to replace these air compressor units it could result in a major facility Medical Air system failure affecting life and safety of our patients. MASH Industrial, INC. is the direct manufacturer representative that can supply with units replacement without major system modifications. This contractor has provided, under other contracts, air compressors system for other services. They were contacted and provided an estimate cost of \$293,550.00.

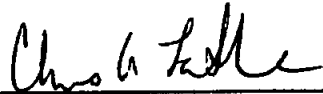
6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: Limited market research was done and was found that MASH Industrial, Inc. can support the replacement of the medical air compressors that serves patient bed tower, surgical rooms, emergency room and the intensive care units without major changes to our existing system.
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: Estimate cost \$293,550.00.
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Due to the urgent situation, limited market research was done and was found that MASH Industrial, INC can support the replacement of the medical air compressors that serves patient bed tower, surgical rooms, emergency room and the intensive care units without major changes to our existing system.
9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: Previous acquisition package was submitted on October 11, 2013 to replace two (2) of the broken units. Now is an urgent request since additional units are broken or inoperative.
10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: State "See Section VI above."
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: Review process that delayed previous purchase request submitted.
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.

  
Lisandra Nieves  
Facility Operations Specialist  
San Juan VAMC

3/25/14  
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.



Chris LaShure  
Contracting Officer  
CW Bill Young VAMC, FL

3/25/14  
Date

- b. **Product Line Supervisor (PLS):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Mark Johnson  
Contracting Supervisor  
NCA 8 Tampa FL

3/25/14  
Date

- c. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Raymond McCain  
Deputy Director of Contracting  
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Date