

LIMITED-SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
23 Christopher Way
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a one-month extension (March 1 through March 31) to a firm-fixed-price (FFP) Task Order, Number VA118-15-F-0041, issued under General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Information Technology (IT) 70 for continuing service for approximately 6,800 Sprint Communications Company (Sprint) voice and data plans for VA employees throughout Office of Information and Technology (OI&T), Service Delivery and Engineering, Field Operations Region 3. The purpose of this action is to provide an interim solution to avoid a disruption in service for OI&T Region 3 while transition is completed to new task orders awarded under VA's National Mobile Device and Services (NMDS) multiple award indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract.
3. Description of the Supplies or Services: The proposed action is to obtain Sprint wireless voice and data plans for VA-owned devices. These devices, currently serviced by Sprint were deployed to VA employees under a bridge task order set to expire February 28, 2015. Once activated by a specific wireless provider, service can only continue on these devices with the same wireless provider. OI&T Region 3 has competitively awarded three NMDS task orders which consolidate all Region 3 wireless requirements. The new task orders were awarded on January 16, 2015. However, additional time is required to transition the devices and service lines to the new wireless providers. Transition is expected to be completed by March 31, 2015. The total estimated price of this proposed action is \$238,741.21.
4. Statutory Authority: The specific authority providing for a limited source award is Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(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."
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: The proposed source for this action is Sprint, 12524 Sunrise Valley Drive Floor 2, Reston, Virginia 20191-3438. Sprint is the only wireless provider that can provide the support for the 6,800 voice and data plan services required for VA-owned devices before the existing bridge task order expires on February 28, 2015. Once purchased and activated, these devices are locked into a specific voice and mobile broadband data plan carrier whose chipset is permanently embedded into the device. Transition to another wireless provider under the newly awarded NMDS task orders cannot be accomplished before expiration of this task order. As a result, wireless service can only be continued on these devices with Sprint voice and data plans until the transition can be completed under the NMDS task order.

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6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in the market research section of this document. This effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. In accordance with FAR Subparts 5.301 and 8.405-6(a)(2), this action will be synopsisized at award on the Federal Business Opportunities Page and the justification will be made publicly available.

7. Actions to Increase Competition: OI&T Region 3 has awarded three competitive task orders under NMDS, awarded on January 16, 2015. The transition for these task orders is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2015. All NMDS contract holders were given fair opportunity to be considered for award and the task orders were awarded utilizing lowest price technically acceptable source selection process.

8. Market Research: The Government's technical experts conducted market research in September 2014 by reviewing wireless device manufacturer and service provider websites. It was confirmed that the current Region 3 VA-owned devices are locked to the current wireless provider (Sprint) due to a chipset contained within the devices. Further market research was conducted in December 2014 by reviewing and confirming that, in fact, the required Sprint voice and data plans are available on GSA FSS IT 70, Special Item Number 132-53.

9. Other Facts: None.

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10. Technical and Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Guy Porter

Date: 2/20/2015_____

2/20/2015

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Telecommunication Specialist

Signature: Signed by: Guy T. Porter 147838

11. Determination of Best Value: I hereby determine that the proposed contract action will represent the best value to the Government consistent with FAR 8.404(d). Unit pricing under GSA FSS has already been determined fair and reasonable. Additionally, the quote will be compared to the Independent Government Cost Estimate.

Debra G. Clayton

Date: 2/25/15

Procuring Contracting Officer

Signature: [Signature]

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As this contract action does not exceed \$650,000, the certification below required by FAR 8.405-6(d)(1) serves as approval.

Debra G. Clayton

Date: 2/25/15

Procuring Contracting Officer

Signature: [Signature]