

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval (J&A)**

**For**

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

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office, VISN 23, St. Cloud, MN – Bridge Contract for Dental Lab Supplies for Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVHCS), 618-15-3-4002-0940
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This request is for a firm-fixed-price, 6 month purchase order bridge contract for MVHCS Dental Lab Supplies.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics Supplies for the period of performance of 6/2/2015-10/1/2015.

The estimated value is \$360,000.

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):** This sole source acquisition is to continue the dental service and supplies of fixed and removable prosthodontics for the MVHCS and Ramsey, MN CBOC provided by Intelligent Touch Dental Corp under contract VA263-12-D-006, which expires on 5/31/2015. This proposed purchase order will bridge the existing contract until a new competitively awarded contract is in place. A Request for Information (RFI) has been posted to [www.FBO.gov](http://www.FBO.gov) and was released on 5/4/2015 under VA263-15-N-0605. This proposed bridge extension consists of a 6 month period of performance and will prevent an adverse impact on the mission of the agency, which would occur with the interruption of the work presently performed. The statement of work under the bridge purchase order remains the same as under the current contract. It is anticipated the prices will be consistent with those experienced under the current contract.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** For reasons stated in paragraph 5, this is a purchase order to bridge Intelligent Touch Dental Corporation's current contract, VA263-12-D-0006, to prevent an adverse impact on the mission of the agency, which would occur with the interruption of the work presently performed. A new contract is currently in process and will be competed on [www.FBO.gov](http://www.FBO.gov).
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The statement of work under the bridge purchase order remains the same as under the current contract. It is anticipated the prices will be consistent with those experienced under the current contract and are considered to be fair and reasonable.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** For reasons stated in paragraph 5, market research was not conducted.
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:** Intelligent Touch Dental Corporation, 1830 Wooddale Drive, Suite 800 Woodbury, MN 55125
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:** A new contract is currently in process and will be competed via [www.FBO.gov](http://www.FBO.gov).