

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

**Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office, VISN 23, 4801 Veterans Drive, St.  
Cloud MN 56303-2099

Purchase request/2237: 636-15-4-7156-0988

**Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

This is an Emergency sole source justification for the procurement and installation of an Air Conditioning Condensing Unit and associated work at the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa (NWI) Health Care System located at the Grand Island, Nebraska Medical Center. The purchase order for the repair services is anticipated to be below the simplified acquisition threshold and will result in a firm fixed-price purchase order. The independent government estimate (IGE) for the purchase order is \$53,000.00.

**Description of Supplies/Services Required Meeting the Agency's Needs:**

The Air Conditioning Condensing Unit displaces the heat generated by the evaporator unit for the Kitchen area which includes storage areas, cooking areas, dishwashing areas, and associated hallways and corridors. Currently the Temperature in these areas is between 85 and 90 degree Fahrenheit with High humidity. Work requires the removal of the existing Condensing unit and associated controls and piping and the installation of the new condensing equipment associated refrigerant piping to involve use of a crane.

**Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition for this procurement is FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulation) 6.302-2-Unusual and compelling urgency as this lack of replacement is beginning to affect patient care at the Grand Island facility.

**Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

This vendor was initially called in to assess the condition of the existing equipment and found that the unit itself is not repairable. This vendor is the only vendor available in the Grand Island Area that handles this type of Commercial equipment needed to replace this type of equipment and can perform the work in a timely manner. This vendor (Rasmussen Mechanical Services) has provided services in the past and has provided a valid quote to complete the work.

**Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

Due to the urgency of this requirement, competition is not available through the typical RFQ process. Additionally, Rasmussen is capable of performing the necessary services without interruption. Therefore, it was determined by NWI Engineering Office to have the replacement work performed by Rasmussen as the contractor is available to quickly and correctly complete the service requirements.

**Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be fair and Reasonable:**

The price will be determined to be fair and reasonable using a comparison of the quote price received from the contractor with that of the independent government estimate. The IGE is \$53,000.00 and the vendor's quote is \$47,343.00.

**Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results or a Statement of the Reasons**

**Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

Market research was not conducted as this is an emergent issue that needs to be fixed immediately. This is an emergency procurement that is beginning to affect the care provided by the Grand Island facility on behalf of America's veterans.

**Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

None

**Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

Rasmussen Mechanical Services

**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:**

None. This is a one-time emergency that needed immediate attention.

**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.



Loren Welch  
Maintenance and Operations Supervisor  
Nebraska Western Iowa VA Health Care  
System

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.

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Melanie Stockman  
Contracting Officer  
Network Contracting Office 23-St. Cloud

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b. VISN/PCA OA: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

**CHRISTOPHER T. VOLK**  
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Christopher Volk  
Acting Branch Chief-St. Cloud  
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