

SAOC - N12-15-12
- Carefusion (i/p)

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$150,000

FAR PART 8.405-6

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 695-15-4-133-1736

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source: Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: CareFusion Solutions, LLC

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: _____

Mfr/Contractor Address: 3750 Torrey View Ct., San Diego, CA 92130-2636

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: N/A

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs

NCO 12

Great Lakes Acquisition Center

115 South 84th Street, Suite 101

Milwaukee, WI 53214

VISN:

12

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

Limited Sources Justification for other than full and open competition for the establishment of a new, firm-fixed price, single-award BPA with CareFusion Solutions, LLC for Software Management Services. These services are required for the following Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12 medical facilities: Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Edward Hines VA Hospital, Green Bay Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, James Lovell Federal Health Care Center, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Tomah VA Medical Center, and the William S. Middleton VA Hospital.

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

VISN 12 has a requirement for CareFusion Software Management Services for a base 12 months and up to four 12 month option periods, effective September 1, 2015. These services are required VISN-wide to ensure the functionality and optimization of the VISN 3,700+ CareFusion infusion system devices.

In accordance with VHA Handbook 1761.1, VISN 12 has a standardized inventory of over 3,700 CareFusion infusion system devices including Alaris PC Units, Alaris Infusion Pumps and associated Alaris modules worth approximately \$8 million and which are critical to patient care. VISN 12 requires CareFusion Software Management Services to ensure the optimization of its infusion system devices for the enhancement of patient care.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$1,277,750.00 for five years

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

VISN 12 performs tens of thousands of infusions annually using CareFusion infusion system devices. CareFusion Software Management Services are required to ensure VISN 12's infusion system devices are optimized thus reducing preventable adverse drug events. CareFusion Software Management Services are proprietary to and only available from CareFusion Solutions, LLC.

CareFusion Software Management Services includes the following **proprietary** items/services: software updates, system monitoring and technical support, infusion analytics services, and on-site and web-based clinical training.

Software Updates – the vendor will provide remote or onsite enhancements to CareFusion's proprietary Guardrails Suite MX software which resides on Alaris PC units. This software is used to set dosage parameters, safety limits, and also track programming errors which could have resulted in preventable adverse drug events (ADEs). Enhancements to this software may include: new programming options, new dosing options, new features, and functionality.

System Monitoring – the vendor will provide near real-time monitoring to ensure system functionality. The vendor will provide technical support via telephone from 8 AM to 7 PM CST, Monday through Friday.

Infusion Analytics Services – the vendor will provide access to infusion data for the evaluation of patient safety practices, compliance, and accreditation efforts. A Clinical Infusion Data Consultant will be available via phone or email from 8 AM to 7 PM CST, Monday through Friday to answer inquiries related to the review and interpretation of data or use of software.

On-Site and Web-Based Clinical Training – the vendor will provide workshops and online education to enhance VA staffs' infusion data interpretation skills and knowledge of best practices.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

VISN 12 medical and biomedical engineering staff request CareFusion Software Management Services because they will provide VISN 12 with software updates, system monitoring and technical support, analytics services, and training all of which will help ensure the VISN's approximately \$8 million inventory of 3,700+ critical infusion system devices are functioning optimally and that VA staff is utilizing the system devices, data, and administering drug concentrations most appropriately. These services will

enhance patient care by mitigating the risk for preventable adverse drug events (ADEs), thus improving the quality of patient care.

Software Management Services is CareFusion's mandatory Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) 65 II A contract V797D-30183. Per FAR Part 8.404 – Use of Federal Supply Schedules, pricing has already been determined to be fair and reasonable. CareFusion is also providing a discount below that of FSS pricing.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

On April 22, 2015, Sources Sought Notice VA69D15N0829 was posted to FBO and RFQ977270 posted to GSA eBuy for software management services for CareFusion Alaris System equipment. For each notice the only response received was from CareFusion Solutions, Inc. stating it is the sole source for the required services.

In addition to the aforementioned Sources Sought Notice postings (see Section 6 above), searches using Vetbiz.gov, SBA's Dynamic Small Business Search Portal, and internet search engines identified no additional vendors capable of providing the required services. The previous VISN 12 procurement for these services was sole sourced to CareFusion Solutions, LLC.

CareFusion Solutions, LLC has stated it is the only source for Software Management Services; no additional sources for these services were identified in the above market research

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

This procurement is congruent with VHA Directive 1014 Safe Medication Injection Practices, dated July 1, 2015 and Joint Commission standard MM.02.01.01.

(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

None, due to the proprietary nature of the services and respective medical devices.

(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

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Robert Steldt

Chief, Biomedical Engineering

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NAME

TITLE

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center

FACILITY

(10) 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.

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CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Scott Ivy, Contracting Officer

NCO 12

NAME AND TITLE

FACILITY

b. Director of Contracting/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Christine Hansen

NAME

NCO 12 Director of Contracting

HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL (Required For orders over \$650,000):

c. SAO: I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.


SIGNATURE

DATE

7/23/15

Ricky L. Lemmon

NAME

Director, SAO Central

d. **VHA HCA REVIEW AND APPROVAL (over \$650,000 to \$12.5 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for restricting consideration of the Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4


SIGNATURE

7/24/15
DATE

Norbert S. Doyle

NAME

VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)