

JUSTIFICATION
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center (TAC)
23 Christopher Way
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed sole source action is for a firm-fixed-price contract with Kelly Generator & Equipment, Inc. (KG&E), 1955 Dale Lane, Owings, Maryland 20736.
3. Description of Supplies or Services: The proposed action is to provide preventative maintenance, as well as, emergency and system repairs on generators and related equipment located at the Quantico Information Technology Center (QITC) and Culpeper data center. Preventative maintenance includes 12 monthly inspections and an annual maintenance visit to change engine oil, load bank testing, and remove and replace oil, fuel, and air filters. Emergency and system repairs include replacing failed, malfunctioning, or at-risk of failure equipment, and providing short-term equipment rentals. The period of performance for this effort will be 12 months with four 12-month option periods. The total estimated value of the proposed action is REDACTED, inclusive of options.
4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C.3304(a)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.302-1 entitled, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements."
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: Preventative maintenance, as well as emergency and system repairs are required for the QITC and Culpeper data center generators and related equipment. Without adequate maintenance, generators and related equipment may fail and not be available to provide backup power during electrical outages, which would result in downtime of data center operations supporting all of the National Cemetery Administration. If an electrical outage occurs at either the QITC or Culpeper data center, a vendor must be onsite and make repairs within two hours in order to keep the data centers running 24x7. If not then the Government is at risk of experiencing downtime. The QITC and Culpeper data centers utilize Generac generators, thus the vendor must also employ Generac certified/licensed technicians to perform the required maintenance or repair work. Additionally, the Government requires a vendor to be able to provide short-term emergency equipment rental in case of major emergency. The Government determined that only KG&E could meet all the requirements. Other vendors in the area either could not be onsite for repairs within two hours and provide Generac certified/licensed technicians, or provide short-term emergency equipment rental.
6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in section 8 of this justification. This effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated

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for this acquisition. Additionally, the proposed action will be synopsisized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page in accordance with FAR 5.201. Any proposals that are received shall be evaluated..

7. Actions to Increase Competition: The Government will continue to conduct market research to ascertain if there are changes in the marketplace that would enable future actions to be competed.

8. Market Research: The TAC issued a Request for Information (RFI) on August 19, 2015, via General Services Administration (GSA) eBuy to ascertain if there were any other sources that could meet the Government's requirements. The RFI closed on August 24, 2015 and no responses were received. Additionally, VA subject matter experts regularly conduct internet market research to determine if other vendors are able to meet the Government's requirements. As stated in Section 5 above, the Government is not aware of any other vendor in the Quantico-Culpeper area that can provide the services within the two-hour window who can provide Generac certified/licensed technicians or provide short-term emergency equipment rental.

9. Other Facts: None