

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Justification and Approval (J&A)

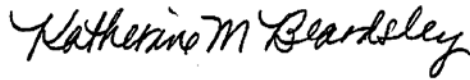
#### For

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

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Iowa City VA Medical Center, Biomedical Engineering section of Facilities Management. Transaction # 636-15-3-4045-0068
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This will be a fixed price contract. This is a new PO for service of the Automated Med Packaging equipment. Contract will include emergency and preventative maintenance.  
Cost of one year: \$49,084.94 (x 5 total years) = \$245,424.60 total cost of contract  
Period of performance: 10/01/2015 – 09/30/2016 plus 4 option years.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Contractor shall furnish all labor, transportation, parts, and expertise necessary to provide preventive maintenance and emergency (unscheduled) repair of Automated Med Packaging equipment and accessories at the Iowa City VA Medical Center. Contract will be for 1 year with 4 additional option years.
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;  
( ) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;  
( ) (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;  
( ) (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4  
( ) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;  
( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;  
( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** The warranty on the Automated Med Packaging device in the pharmacy department ran out 4/1/2015 so there is an immediate need of a service contract to continue to maintain the equipment. Aesynt is the OEM of this Automated Med Packaging device. All parts used in maintenance of this device should be OEM parts only. Reverse engineered and/or refurbished parts shall not be utilized. Any software keys needed for the repair of this device will only be available from Aesynt, Inc.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Searches online were performed and it was determined that Aesynt is the only company that can provide service on this particular device.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**  
The Contracting Officer made a fair and reasonable determination by using Comparison of previously proposed prices and previous Government and commercial contract prices with current proposed prices for like items. Comparison with competitive published price lists, published market

prices of commodities, similar indexes, and discount or rebate arrangements. Comparison of proposed prices with independent Government cost estimates.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Search was conducted to find any potential companies that could provide service on the Automated Med Packaging device. It was concluded that there were no other companies besides Aesynt that could provide this service.
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:** Aesynt, Inc.
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:** The next procurement of equipment will be done competitively.
12. **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.



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KATHERINE M. BEARDSLEY  
Chief Biomedical Engineer  
Iowa City VA Health Care System

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Date

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- a. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Travis Johnson  
Contracting Officer

9/25/2015

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Date

- b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required \$150K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Lori Fischer  
Services Branch Chief

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Date

- c. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$12.5 million but not exceeding \$50 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 other than full and open competition.

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C. FORD HEARD

Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

- d. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 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 other than full and open competition.

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Jan R. Frye

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics  
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date