

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

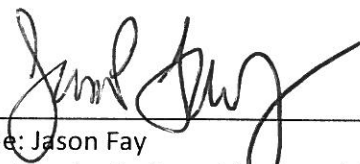
Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, Pittsburgh PA 646-16-1-712-0014
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for other than full and open competition for the procurement of participation in the *National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators* (NDNQI).
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators® (NDNQI®) is a proprietary database of the American Nurses Association. The database collects and evaluates unit-specific nurse-sensitive data from hospitals in the United States. Participating facilities receive unit-level comparative data reports to use for quality improvement purposes. The total contract value for 1 year of service will be \$6,380.00.
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):** The American Nurses Association owns the database and has specified that Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) Research Institute, Inc. will administer the program. In order to participate, NF/SGVHS must procure the services from this entity.
The National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) is a large centralized information pool that collects data from hospitals all over the country. VA Pittsburgh has been participating in this project for benchmarking nursing sensitive indicators since 2005. Every quarter, Nursing Service enters data on-line about Nursing Care Hours, Number of Patient Days, Pressure Ulcers, RN Education, Staff Turnover, Falls, and Restraints. **Data is stripped of personal identifiers and does not violate HIPPA regulations.** There is also an annual RN Satisfaction Survey. NDNQI generates reports that compare local outcomes to national benchmarks. Nursing management uses this information in its decision-making processes.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** No action to promote because this is the sole provider.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The anticipated price to the Government is \$6,380. This price has been determined to be fair and reasonable, as there is no other agency that can provide the data and comparative data for all the required nursing indicators..
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** This was not done because no other entity can provide participation rights to this project.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** This provider is the sole distributor of this product.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** KUMC Research Institute, 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:** NONE
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.


Name: Jason Fay
Title: Interim Business Manager, PCS
Facility: VA Pittsburgh

11/15/15
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.

Name
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- b. **VISN/PCA QA:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Title
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- c. **NCM/PCM:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Name
Network Contract Manager
VISN/PCA X

Date

- d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Name
Director
Service Area Office, East

Date

- e. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

Name
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

Date

- f. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 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.

Name

Date

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

- g. **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.

Name

Date

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