


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 Medical Center NCO 23 Iowa City, Project Number 636-315
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for TYCO/Simplex. This is a partial requirement of the "Construct Specialty Clinics Addition" 636-315. This project will be solicited as 100% set aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business and is a firm fixed price contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Project calls for all our Building Fire Alarm Systems to be provided by Tyco/Simplex. This includes all fire alarm devices, and all required programming and system updates. Estimated cost of the fire alarm package is [REDACTED]
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5. **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;
6. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

The added fire alarm devices must communicate and function with the existing system to provide full protection in case of a fire within the facility. The smoke detectors must communicate with the system to activate other devices within the system. The smoke/fire door closures must activate upon a signal from another device within the system. Refer to MFPA 72. If a device other than simplex is found to have the capability to communicate and maintain the UL listing of the entire system then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known to be available.
7. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** TYCO/Simplex was selected by a previous contract bidding process as the Fire Alarm System for this facility. This project is a minor extension of the existing system and would be cost prohibitive to change.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Final determination that the cost will be Fair and Reasonable will be made by the Contracting Officer.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research was not completed for this item as it is the selected system for the Medical Center.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** New Components must tie into an existing, operational system. At this time, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with our existing system.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None
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:** There are no other vendors available who have fully integrated products for the simplex devices. If, in the future, other vendors are capable of supplying such products, the Iowa City VA HCS will open competition to their products.
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.



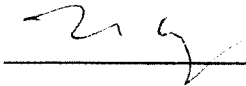
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5/4/2015

Date

13. **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.



Michael Casper
Contracting Officer
NCO 23 - Des Moines Division

12/7/15

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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