

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval (J&A)  
For  
Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA258-16-AP-2060**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 18, Phoenix VA Medical Center. NCO 18, Phoenix Contracting 777 E Missouri Ave Phoenix AZ 85014. Director of the Director submitted purchase request 644-16-2-201-0096 for the Nursing Service Line at the PVAHCS.

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

LOGICARE will create personal, complete discharge instructions for the ED. It can be customized to meet the needs of all patients in the CBOCS as well as in house. Discharge instructions are a national standard that incorporates not only what care the patient received during their recent visit, an explanation of their disease process, and any follow up appointments that may be needed. It also includes a download into CPRS that is visible to the reader and printable for the patient. Discharge instructions assist the Veteran in understanding their post care instructions. Educating patients reduces return visits, reduces costs to the VA and promotes patient satisfaction. Discharge instructions are also mandated by the Joint Commission.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Region 1 OIT will provide 3 servers to support this system. There will be two application servers (prod and test) and one SQL server that will host databases for the prod and test application servers. As an alternative, OIT can host the SQL databases on the Region SQL server farm. OIT will also need to provide OS and administrative access support for the system. The vendor (LOGICARE Corporation) will provide support for the application but does not have administrative access to the servers. Tasks requiring an administrator to perform them will have to be done by OIT staff under the guidance of the vendor. The database size will be less than 40Gb. Standard R01 backup procedures are acceptable to the vendor. However, the database must be written out prior to backup at least once per day to ensure database integrity.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** *41 USC §3304(a)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1. The specific paragraph must be cited. Most likely, only the -1 or -2 authorities will be cited. Please be aware that failure to adequately plan for future requirements does not constitute appropriate use of the unusual and compelling urgency statutory authority.*

(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;

**FAR13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items:** *The authority for applying the Simplified Procedures for Commercial Items of FAR 13.5 is 41 U.S.C. 1901 and is implemented by for restricting competition on this procurement via FAR 13.106-1(b)(2).*

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

- a. **Only One Responsible Source (FAR 6.302-1)** – 1. LOGICARE integrates easily with in the VA system. Patient data automatically flows from Vista, into the LOGICARE patient list. This allows the user to easily select the patient in which they want to create a customizable set of discharge instructions. It can even be designed to alert the primary care provider that their patient was seen in the ED. The instructions are automatically stored in CPRS as a note and signed by the preparer. This will be implementing a new and efficient form of communication from care providers to patients in the ED
- b. **Unusual and Compelling Urgency (FAR 6.302-2, 6.303-2(a)(9)(ii))** -
- c. **Industrial Mobilization; or Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability (FAR 6.302-3)** -
- d. **Authorized or Required by Statute (FAR 6.302-5)** –
- e. **National Security (FAR 6.302-6)** –
- f. **Public Interest (FAR 6.302-7)** -

- 6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Will publish this requirement to FBO to seek further competition
- 7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The price for this requirement is determined to be fair and reasonable based on market research. Preferential pricing is being provided to the government, and this requirement has the same pricing as provided to the Roseburg OR facility for an entire facility license (VA260-15-P-1074). Logicare has a sliding scale for VA facilities based on the number of PC's that use the software. The price to the VA for the license for the entire facility is \$58,000.00. The prices are deemed to be fair and reasonable per FAR Subpart 13.106-3(a)(2)(ii).
- 8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

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Based on market research and quotes. We found/determined that Logicare Corporation; best suited our needs and provide a clear/precise/superior service as compare to others in both cost/services and support. This requirement was not found on the National Acquisition Center (NAC), nor was it found on GSA e-Library. There was a small business, A&T Networks, which has a GSA schedule to carry some of the Logicare products. But when an inquiry was sent, they do not carry any of the requested items as part of their product offerings. A search of SBA found 956 SDVOSB or VOSB firms under NAICS 511210, Software Publishers. None of which can provide the requested software for this requirement. A search of FPDS revealed 28 purchases made using the vendor name Logicare Corp. as used for the current requirement by the VA from this company. A search of FPDS using NAICS (511210) revealed 5036 purchases

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

This will surpass our current methods of communication with patients, as well as improve time/labor hours and resource spent, by compiling them all the discharge instruction into one step set and format: that will be easy to read and gather for the care provider and patient. This will also meet all standards set by the Joint Commission on discharging instructions and procedures.

**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

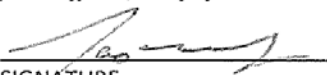
Logicare is the only vendor expressing an interest in this acquisition

**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:**

No actions planned as Logicare has developed a software package that interfaces with the VA systems to allow providers to prepare discharge instructions and to incorporate them into CPRS.

**12. Requirements Certification:**

(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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|  |            | <u>2/26/2016</u>       |  |
| SIGNATURE   |            | DATE                   |  |
| <u>James West</u>   | <u>HSS</u> | <u>Nurse Executive</u> |  |
| NAME  | TITLE      | SERVICE LINE/SECTION   |  |
| <u>Phoenix VA</u>   |            |                        |  |
| FACILITY  |            |                        |  |

**13. Approvals in accordance with the [VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP](#).**

- a. **Contracting Officer or Designee'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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4/21/2016  
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