

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION
ORDERS >\$3,000
FAR PART 8.405-6(g)**

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 657-12-1-4250-0003

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source: Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP dba AT&T KS, AT&T MO, AT&T OK, AT&T AR
Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Mark V. Matarazzi 314-505-0843
Mfgr/Contractor Address: 500 E 8th Street, Rm 796, Kansas City, MO 64106-1604
Dealer/Rep address/phone number: N/A

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

1. AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs
VISN 15 Network Contracting Activity
4101 South 4th Street Trafficway
Leavenworth, KS 66048

VISN:

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2. NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

A service contract for one (1) AT&T gigaMAN® circuit between the Jefferson Barracks VA Medical Center and the John Cochran VA Medical Center in St Louis, MO. This will be a task order under the General Services Administration contract GS06T09BND0001 with AT&T Government Services, a division of Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP dba AT&T KS, AT&T MO, AT&T OK, AT&T AR, AT&T Texas. (AT&T).

a. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

The requirement is to purchase recurring service for an interstate gigaMAN® circuit between Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran VAMCs. The requirement is essential because the current infrastructure (T-3) circuit is at the maximum capacity of bandwidth to support data, voice and video operations. This service is not offered through any other local carrier in the St Louis area. ATT is the wire center provider in the St Louis area and this circuit is only available through them.

b. ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$66,191.00 Base Year. \$210,609.00 (Base year plus 2 option years)

c. REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 11/01/2011

3. IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

This service is not available through any other telecommunication carrier in the St Louis area. AT&T is the wire center provider in the St Louis area and this circuit is only available through them.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

4. DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.404(d) TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

As this is a task order under an GSA contract number, GS06T09BND0001, GSA has made the determination that the prices are fair and reasonable. Therefore, no separate determination of fair and reasonable pricing need be made. FAR 8.404(d).

5. DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

The GSA E-Library, GSA Advantage websites were queried, as well as a general internet search, but no other contractors for the gigMAN® circuit were available.

6. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

None

7. A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

None

8. REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide 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.)

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME

TITLE

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

St. Louis VA Medical Center

FACILITY

9. APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(h):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Mark A. Edzards, Contracting Officer

NAME AND TITLE

VISN 15 Network Contracting Activity

FACILITY

HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL (For orders over \$500,000): ☐ REQUIRED ☒ NOT REQUIRED

b. NCM/or Designee: I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

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