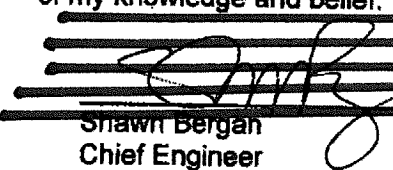




DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Fargo VA Health Care System, Fargo, ND. Project: 437-14-111, replace Central Chiller Plant.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Proposed:** This is a request for Tyco/Simplex fire alarm system components for use with the existing fire alarm system. This is a partial requirement of Project 437-14-111, Replace Central Chiller Plant.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The project calls for fire alarm system components to be provided, installed and tested by Tyco/Simplex to be used with the existing fire alarm system. This includes pull stations, alarms, strobes, speakers, smoke detectors, annunciators and other miscellaneous items. Estimated cost of the fire alarm work is [REDACTED] per the consulting engineer.
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, Development 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 Fargo VA Health Care System's existing fire alarm system and components are Tyco-Simplex. Other products would not be fully compatible with the existing fire alarm system and would void the system certification.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that the offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** The existing fire alarm system is Tyco-Simplex and was installed under a previous competitively bid project. This project removes selected fire alarm system components, reinstalls selected fire alarm system components and has the contractor install new fire alarm components as required by the contract documents and specifications. This project is a minor modification to the existing fire alarm system. Changing out the entire existing fire alarm system would be cost prohibitive.
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 Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research was not conducted or completed for the fire alarm system since under this project minor modifications are being performed on an existing system. It would be cost prohibitive to change out the fire alarms system entirely with a new system.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** New and reused fire alarm system components must tie into the existing fire alarm system which must remain fully functional, operational and operational for Life Safety Code compliance. At this time, Fargo Engineering is unaware of any competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with the existing Tyco-Simplex fire alarm system in use at the Fargo VA Health Care System.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None that Fargo Engineering is aware of at this time.
11. **A Statement of 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 available vendors the Fargo VA Health Care System is aware of that have fully integrated and certifiable products for the existing Tyco-Simplex fire alarm system. If in the future, other vendors are capable of supplying such products, the Fargo VA Health Care System 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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Shawn Bergan
Chief Engineer
Fargo VA Health Care System
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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 Construction Contracting Office
Des Moines Division


Date