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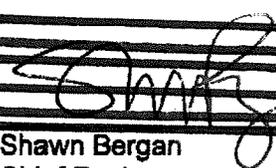
Justification and Approval (J&A)  
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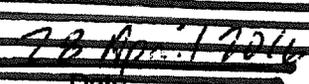
Other Than Full and Open Competition (<\$150K)

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 Best Corporation cores and associated required components for use with the existing Medical Center facility wide door hardware lock 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 door and hardware system components to be provided, installed and tested by the vendor to match the existing Best Corporation lock cylinder core system in use at the Fargo VA Health Care System. This includes Best Corporation 7-pin lock cores and associated miscellaneous items. Estimated cost of the door hardware lock cores for the door hardware system is [REDACTED] for the project.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - (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 lock core system in use is by Best Corporation. Other lock core systems would not be fully compatible with the core system the VA in Fargo uses for room and building security. Please note, this is only for the lock core. All other door hardware may be by and often is by other manufacturers. Best Corporations 7-pin lock core system is utilized throughout the Medical System and would be costly to change over everything (which is not feasible under this project) or to have two lock core/key systems which would require additional equipment, software, staff training, etc. in order to set up this system. Not to mention the confusion created with staff and the locksmith having to determine which lock and key system staff require for all doors they have to access possibly resulting in multiple keys being required by staff were currently one key would work.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that the offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** The existing Best Corporation 7-pin lock core system was installed many years ago under a previous competitively bid project. This project removes selected doors and locks, reinstalls selected new doors and locks as required by the contract documents and specifications. This project is a minor modification to the existing door lock/keying system. Changing out the entire existing security access control 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 door lock core system since under this project minor modifications are being performed on an existing system. It would be cost prohibitive to change out the security access control system entirely with a new system.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** New and reused system components need to utilize the existing door lock core system which must remain fully functional, operational and operational for compliance Police Service requirements. At this time, Fargo Engineering is unaware of any competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with the existing Best Corporation 7-pin lock core 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 7-pin lock core and key 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.

  
Shawn Bergan  
Chief Engineer  
Fargo VA Health Care System

  
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.

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Michael Casper  
Contracting Officer  
NCO 23 Construction Contracting Office  
Des Moines Division

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