

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDERS >\$3,000

FAR PART 8.405-6(g)

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 657-12-1-4228-0004 & 657-12-1-4228-0005

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

Mfr/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:

Contractor will provide ISDN-PRI Circuits, POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service), central office trunks and business lines to the John J Pershing VA Medical Center and Admin Annex in Poplar Bluff, MO and affiliated CBOCs.

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

The contractor or telecommunications provider supplies services through the following forms of transmission: ISDN-PRI and BRI circuits, T-1 voice circuit, POTS (plain old telephone), DSL (Digital Subscriber Lines), E911 (Enhanced 911 services), CAMA trunks, Centrex systems, Central Office Trunks or Business Lines. Dial tone or telecommunications services is the power generated by local central offices which generates the electrical signal needed to provide telecommunications services to the telephone equipment within the facilities. Services are provided 24/7.

b. ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$115,100.00 Base Year, \$460,400.00 (Base year plus 3 option years)

c. REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 10/01/2011

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.

AT&T is the only authorized phone carrier in this region of the country. No other phone company can provide service in this region. Phone service is required to keep the facilities operational and provide patient care.

☐ 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, GS06T11BND0013, 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:

Due to the geographical restrictions this procurement does not lend itself to competitive opportunities for the planned duration of the resulting contract. No further action is contemplated.

6. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

The provision of telecommunication services from AT&T is critical in order to provide service to the veteran population and sustain medical center operations.

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] 10-24-11
SIGNATURE DATE
Dan Overfield IT SPECIALIST
NAME TITLE SERVICE LINE/SECTION
John J Pershing 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.

[Signature] 10-24-2011
CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE DATE
Mark A. Edzards, Contracting Officer VISN 15 Network Contracting Activity
NAME AND TITLE 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.

for Christene L. Scena 10-27-2011
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VISN 15 NCM