

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA263-16-AP-5605

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive St. Cloud, MN 56303. Organizational activity; Iowa City VA Health Care System, 601 Highway 6 West 128B, Iowa City, IA 52246, 636-16-2-4151-0082. This is a Brand Name Only justification for other than full and open competition.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This procurement is for a brand name only firm fixed price SDVOSB set-aside purchase order to upgrade the Vocera Badge system of the Nurse Call System for the Iowa City VA Health Care System in accordance with FAR 13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where acquisitions conducted under Simplified Acquisition Procedures are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This procurement is a to upgrade and expand the Vocera Badge system for the Nurse Call System at the Iowa City VA Health Care System. The Iowa City VA requires additional Vocera B3000/B3000n badges that are FIPS compliant and compatible with existing Vocera server infrastructure, including extra batteries and compatible single and 8-bay chargers, lanyards and clips. The Iowa VA also requires an additional 50 licenses for concurrent users on the system.

**Delivery Date:** 90 days ARO

**IGCE:** [REDACTED]

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 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):** This is a brand name justification in support of FAR 11.105, Items Peculiar to One Manufacturer. The Iowa City VA requires Vocera brand name only B3000/B3000n badges and accessories. These items are an upgrade and expansion of their current Vocera Nurse Call System that was procured in 2013. There are no other manufacturers that provide badges that are compatible with the current Vocera system and badges. While only Vocera badges and accessories are compatible there are multiple SDVOSBs that can provide these brand name items.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** This Brand Name Only procurement will be solicited through FBO as a SDVOSB set-aside to promote competition.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Price will be determined fair and reasonable through competition as this will be a brand name only SDVOSB set-aside solicitation through FBO.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** GSA and NASA SEWP were researched and it was determined that there were no vendors on GSA that could provide the upgrade and only 1 SDVOSB that could potentially provide the upgrade through SEWP.

Vetbiz was researched and it was determined that there were at least 2 SDVOSB that could be expected to provide the Vocera items. SAM was searched and verified that [REDACTED] are certified as small businesses under NAICS code 334118.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None

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

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Reston, VA 20190

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:** Market research will be conducted if future procurements are needed to determine if there are other manufactures' products that are compatible with the existing ICVAHCS equipment.

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.



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.



b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required over\$150K but not exceeding \$700K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

