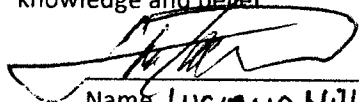


DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

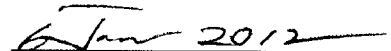
1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 08, Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Caribbean Healthcare System (VACHS), Network Contracting Activity 8, Tres Rios Building — San Patricio, 27 Ave. J. Gonzalez Giusti Suite 600, Guaynabo, PR 00968.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The VACHS has decided to expand the IPTV capabilities to the Nursing Home Building to include patient TVs. The Objective of this project is to increase patient education by making available to our veterans educational videos related to all types of health conditions that will increase the knowledge and understanding of their illness.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Our institution already has installed the VBrick Business Solution through the main building and several outpatient clinics. This system is composed of 120 monitors, encoders, set up boxes, and a server. The new equipment for the South Bed Tower will be connected to the server already in place at the main building. Therefore, we are expanding our IPTV capabilities to the existing building. We will use the same VBrick suite to operate the system and make available the TV programming and Video On Demand features to our patients. Compatibility between both installations is essential for the appropriate operation of this system.
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, Developmental 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 Caribbean Phone Center Corp. is the exclusive authorized reseller and service provider of VBrick systems in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. Because of the magnitude of this project, it is essential to have local resources that can provide support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** VBrick systems, Inc. was contacted and they have expressed in writing that The Caribbean Phone Center Corp. is their exclusive authorized reseller in Puerto Rico. Therefore no more efforts were continued and we proceeded to create this justification.

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7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The anticipated price to the Government is \$52,684.00. The price is considered fair and reasonable in comparison to the IGCE.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** See Section VI above.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Furthermore of explained above, due to the projects magnitude and complexity, local presence is required due to the need of support at given moment.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** See Section VI above.
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:**
As VBrick's sole partner in the Caribbean, Caribbean Phone Center Corp is their exclusive reseller and provider of services. Government exhorts companies to acquire any training requirements that will give them an edge in providing holistic services to the market in general.
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.

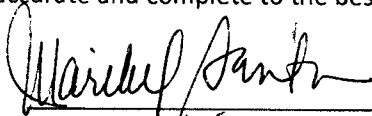


Name **LUCIANO HILLAN**
Title **HARDWARE SUPERVISOR / ACTING CID**
Facility **IRM VAMC**

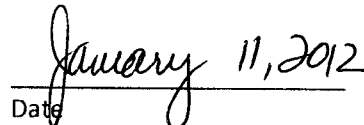

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13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

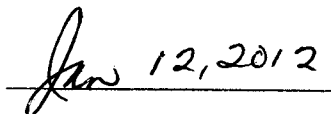
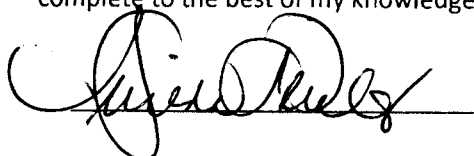
- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Name **Marcel Santa**
Contracting Officer
Facility **NCC B**


Date

- b. **Product Line Supervisor (PLS):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Date

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Name Aminda Perales
Contracting Supervisor
Facility NCO 8

Date

- c. **DNCM/NCM:** (SAT to \$500,000) I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Mitchell Thomas
Network Contract Manager
VISN 8

Date

- d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

David M. Fitzgerald
Director
Service Area Office, East

Date

- e. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** (over \$500,000) I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

HCA
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

Date

- f. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 not exceeding \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Iris B. Cooper
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)
Office of Acquisition and Logistics
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date

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- g. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Jan R. Frye

Date

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics

Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)

Department of Veterans Affairs