

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$150,000**

**FAR PART 8.405-6**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID:** VA248-16-AP-9652

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: GE Medical Systems

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Matthew Harrison, 919-244-8792

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 3000 N. Grandview Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: Matthew Harrison, 919-244-8792

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:** Department of Veterans Affairs  
James A. Haley VAMC (JHVAMC)  
13000 Bruce B Downs BLVD.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
**VISN:** 8

**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

This request is for the approval of justification for placing a sole source order from a national Acquisition Center contract.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

JHVAMC is requesting maintenance and repair services on the following equipment: GE MRI 3T HD 8CH-400-AP, Medicoool Cryogen Chiller, Medicoool Gradient Chiller. In addition, the services required also include magnet and cryogen coverage.

**(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$180,000.00

**(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** 10/1/2016

**(4) 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.

GE Medical Systems serves as the only source that can deliver the services requested. GE Medical systems do not certify Small businesses or any other vendors in the United States to perform maintenance on GE Healthcare imaging equipment. The subject GE equipment is highly specialized and vital to patient care services, as it has a significant impact on patient diagnoses. GE Medical systems formally assert that only they possess the technical capabilities that could provide the required services. GE is the only source that can provide the level of service required to maintain the specialized equipment without impacting patient care services. Thus, it would be in the Governments best interest to have the required services performed by the GE Medical systems.

**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

The National Acquisition Center has negotiated an IDIQ contract, V797P-6019B with GE Medical Systems. This contract establishes the best value for the government and contains a price that has been previously determined to be fair and reasonable. In addition to price, an order against this contract satisfies the service required for program performance service as the equipment is specialized and has a significant impact on patient care services. The order also provides access to a larger resource of field service engineers to provide the services required in a timely manner. These three factors: price, effective program performance and maintenance availability contribute to the determination of an order representing the best value for the government.

**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market research was conducted in accordance with FAR 10.002. The required service is currently being performed under contract V797P-6019B-V049 | VA248-15-F-3600. Additional research was conducted, an RFI (VA248-16-N-1511) was posted on FBO and issued to the potential vendors on Vetbiz associated with the corresponding NAICS code 811219. The results of the this research concluded that no potential vendors were found to meet the criteria to perform the required services as they are not certified to perform maintenance and repair services on GE Healthcare imaging equipment.

**(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:**

The Government shall post the Limited Sources Justification on Federal Business Opportunities, which will allow prospective vendors to submit their respective technical capabilities solely for consideration on acquisitions for the similar supplies and services in the future.