

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$150,000

FAR PART 8.405-6

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA261-16-AP-5610

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: CARASOFT TECHNOLOGY CORP.

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Elizabeth Heinz, (703) 871-8622

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 1860 MICHAEL FARADAY DR, SUITE 100

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: Elizabeth Heinz, (703) 871-8622

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

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Network Contracting Office (NCO)21

VA Northern California HealthCare System

150 Muir Road, Bldg: AB7; Rm: AB701

Martinez CA 94553-4668

VISN: VISN 21

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

Base plus 4 year service/support contract to provide 24x7x365 remote VPN support and 8x5 Onsite service for the VISN 21 consolidated Powerscribe 360 Radiology Voice recognition system (Level 2). Coverage to include all applicable system and client upgrades and updates as well as technical support.

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

Due to the mission critical nature of Radiology PACS and its associated voice recognition system (Powerscribe 360), VISN 21 requires ongoing maintenance, support and sustainment of the VISN-wide PS360 system. Coverage must include remote support 24x7x365 with on-site support during normal business hours for the instances where hands on service is required.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: [REDACTED]

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: [REDACTED]

(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)

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☐ 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.

☒ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:
(If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)
Powerscribe360 is a proprietary system/application developed exclusively by Nuance Inc. Only Nuance or Carahsoft, who is their only approved GSA contact holder, are authorized to develop or install software updates for the PS360 application.

☐ 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.

(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:

Powerscribe360 is a proprietary Radiology voice recognition system that is a critical component of our VISN-wide PACS. Only Nuance or their designated GSA contract holder, Carahsoft, are authorized to sell application updates and upgrade to the system. Additionally, only Nuance has the proprietary knowledge to provide ongoing maintenance and support t of the PS360 application that they developed.

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

Reviewed Radiology industry literature, GSA Advantage and manufacturer's literature.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

(8) 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:

At the conclusion of the maintenance contract, VISN 21 will review existing PACS Voice recognition systems to determine if we should migrate to a new platform.

(9) 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. 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

NAME

FACILITY

DATE

TITLE

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP: *This part if filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CONTRACTING OFFICER/DESIGNEE'S SIGNATURE

NAME AND TITLE

DATE

FACILITY

b. Director of Contracting/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME
NCO/PCO X Director of Contracting