

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION  
IAW FAR 6.303-2  
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Upon the basis of the following justification, I hereby approve the issuance of the contractual action described below using other than full and open competition, pursuant to the authority cited herein.

1. Contracting Activity

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Benefit Administration  
Office of Facilities Management (20M31)  
Washington, DC 20420

2. Nature of Action Being Approved: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to procure from a Haworth brand reseller, materials and labor to install systems furniture for the Detroit VA Regional Office (RO). The Detroit RO is renovating existing office space where Haworth brand systems furniture currently resides. This will require new Haworth brand workstations to increase the seating capacity in the Veteran Service Center and tie into the existing Haworth brand furniture cluster as well as match the existing Haworth brand scheme. Other manufacturers' systems panels will not configure with the existing Haworth brand furniture.

3. Description of Service and Supplies: This justification and approval sets forth the facts and requests approval for a solicitation to be issued that is restricted to Haworth brand systems furniture only. Haworth brand systems furniture is needed to match for aesthetic consistency as well as connectivity.

4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for this justification is **FAR 6.302-1(b)(1)(i)**

5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: **Haworth Systems Furniture** has already been previously installed throughout the Detroit RO. Continued purchases of **Haworth Systems Furniture** is the only possible way to continue with the same color schemes throughout the offices as well as maintain uniformity with other Divisions. Additionally, the new product will share panels and use the spines of the existing Haworth workstations in the Veteran Service Center. Therefore, the new product must be Haworth brand in order to connect to the existing systems furniture.

6. Description of Market Research: No efforts were made to solicit other offerors. If a complete office revision is required at a later date or the decision is made to change the layout and color scheme of the RO then new systems furniture sources could be solicited at that time.

7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable. The proposed procurement will be competed among Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and based on market research of eligible SDVOSB firms it is anticipated sufficient competition will exist to ensure fair and reasonable pricing is received.

8. Other Supporting Data: N/A

9. Other Interested Sources: None

11. I certify that this justification is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Technical/Requirements Cognizance**



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Acting Director of Acquisition

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