

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA69D-17-AP-0771, 578-17-1-168-0018

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12, Hines VA Hospital.

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

This is a brand name only sole source justification for the procurement of Enlite Sensors MMT-7008A for glucose monitoring for the Hines VA Hospital. The supplies will be procured via a new IDIQ firm fixed price contract.

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with FAR 13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements in which sole source 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:** Enlite Sensors MMT-7008A are required for glucose monitoring for the Hines VA Hospital. These sensors are integral to the Medtronic Minimed 530G system and are critical for monitoring Veteran glucose levels. Orders for sensors will be placed as needed.

This is for a five year contract to begin by 3/11/2017 and end on 3/10/2022, not to exceed \$4,500,000.00.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** This acquisition is conducted under the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1901 Simplified acquisition procedures as implemented in FAR 13.501.

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 Hines VA Hospital currently uses Medtronic Minimed 530G insulin pumps and is required to maintain this standardization in the interest of patient safety and cost effectiveness. With standardization, patients and staff only need to be proficient on one type of insulin pump. The use of different types of insulin pumps increases complexity of care and may create confusion leading to significant life threatening situations. If another vendor's products were to be used, this insulin pump inventory would need to be replaced at additional cost. The requested Medtronic Enlite Sensors are the only sensors compatible with the Hines VA's existing inventory of Medtronic Minimed 530G insulin pumps.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Although competition is being restricted to brand name only, the RFQ will be posted to FBO for any SDVOSB distributors of this brand name item to provide a quote. SBA has issued a NMR Waiver to allow for this item to be set aside.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: Contracting Officer will compare prices received from distributors to ensure prices are fair and reasonable. Competition between multiple contractors should provide for more competitive prices.
8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: In addition to the current SDVOSB supplier, a search of Vetbiz for "339112 & Medtronic" resulted in an additional 2 potential SDVOSB's. Based on this research and SBA's approval of the NMR Waiver, this request will be set aside for SDVOSB distributor to provide the brand name Enlite Sensor.
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: None.
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: None. Agency is waiting for the NAC to put together a national contract for these items.
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.

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13. Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.

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

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- b. Director of Contracting/Manager or Designee: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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- c. VHA SAO HCA Review and Approval: 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 (if over \$13.5 million) or approve (\$700K to 13.5 million) for other than full and open competition.

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