

## **JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE SOURCE**

Upon the basis of the following Justification and Approval using the format at 6.303-2, the proposed contract described below may be established through other than full and open competition pursuant to the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1901 or the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1903 as implemented by FAR subpart 13.5. This sole source procurement action is authorized when the supplies or services required by the agency are available from only one responsible source and no other type of supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

1. The Veterans Benefits Administration Midwest District Contracting Team is responsible for the contracting action as described herein.
2. This procurement is for onsite maintenance and repair services for a high density filing system located at the RMC in Saint Louis, Missouri. The high density filing system consists of 600 Model EC 300 powered mobile file systems manufactured by the Spacesaver Corporation. One (1) service technician shall be on-site during normal working hours five days a week, excluding federal holidays and shall make repairs, adjustments, and install parts as necessary to restore the Spacesaver system to its original design. The contractor shall provide all labor, personnel, equipment, supplies, materials, travel, supervision, normal wear and tear replacement parts and other related supplies and services. Major overhauling or rebuilding is not included. The contractor shall also provide all parts, labor, tools, equipment, personnel, packing materials and transportation necessary to upgrade/retrofit the electrical controls and components on two Spacesaver electronic filing units (A1.1 & A1.2 between columns 10 and 11). The retrofit includes the disassembly of existing electrical components and motors, installation of new operating controls to current technology with no structural modifications required and minimal disruption to records retrieval. New 5 year warranty will be instituted on electrical components while lifetime warranty will continue on structure on filing units A1.1 & A1.2. The contractor shall provide the option for the VARMC to choose to retrofit an additional two modules of the VARMC's choice during the period of 04/01/2017 to 03/31/2018.
3. This contract will be awarded on a sole source basis. The contract will be firm fixed priced; 12 months for \$15,658.00 per month for a total cost of \$ \$187,896.00. The period of performance is from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. The retrofit work for two modules is \$68,335.53 and the Option to retrofit two additional modules is \$68,335.53 for a grand total of \$324,567.06. The contractor shall complete retrofitting of two modules within eight weeks of notice to proceed
4. The small business vendor Bradford System is the only manufacturer authorized service provider for the 600 Model EC 300 powered mobile file system within the St Louis, MO area. Parts are only available for purchasing through the manufacturer Spacesaver's representatives.
5. This contract is not required to be synopsized under FAR Part 5. A sources sought announcement #VA101V-15-N-0646 for small businesses was posted on FedBizOpps on 7/16/2015. Green Automated Solutions is the only small business vendor that responded. The vendor Green Automated Solutions was contacted via email to confirm that it can provide all of the required services and parts. The small business vendor stated that it cannot provide a technician which is required onsite during normal working hours five days a week, excluding federal holidays. The vendor Green Automated Solutions proposed 24 hour turnaround time on repairs which does not meet the customer's requirement. The vendor Green Automated Solutions also confirmed that it is not directly involved in any specific business relationship with the manufacturer Spacesaver.
6. Market research was conducted by contacting via email the manufacturer and all VA eCMS users. Responses received via email confirmed that parts are only available for purchasing through Spacesaver Representatives. Market research was also conducted via FPDS and FedBizOpps. The search results found only sole source announcements and contracts for similar Spacesaver Corporation high density filing systems.

7. No other sources have expressed in writing, an interest in this acquisition.
8. In order to remove or overcome the above mentioned barriers to competition the entire high density filing system will need to be replaced with a new system that can be serviced by more than one vendor.
9. Requirements Certification - "I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which are included in the J&A are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief".
10. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination - "I hereby determine that the anticipated cost for this contract action will be fair and reasonable".
11. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification - "I certify that this J&A is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief".

  
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Jorge L. Martin, VBA Midwest District Contracting Team  
Contracting Officer

02-22-2017  
(Date)

12. Approving Authority Required by the Agency.

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Felton Jones, Director VBA Office of Acquisition

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