

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN-12 Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 115 South 84th Street, Milwaukee WI 53214 on behalf of the Jesse Brown VAMC, Chicago, IL, 60612-4223.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a new six month contract award for consignment of Coronary Balloon Catheters. This is a fixed firm price contract and will have a base period from date of award estimated at April 1, 2012, through a six month period until September 30, 2012.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This contract is for consignment of various sizes of Coronary Balloon Catheters for the Jesse Brown VAMC, with Boston Scientific, 1 Boston Scientific Place, Natick, MA, 01760, Phone 773 426-4640. The Boston Scientific contact is Julie Soldo, 773 426-4640. The Balloon Catheters will be purchased on a credit card transaction after they are used, and a replacement sent to the consignment inventory within a 24 hour period after use. The date of award is estimated from April 1, 2012, through a six month period until September 30, 2012.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** This contract is in accordance with 41 USC §253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302- 2.

(x) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2.
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

Per FAR 6.302-2, there is an unusual and compelling urgent requirement to have Coronary Balloon Catheters in stock for scheduled and emergency cardiac surgery. Lack of on hand inventory could result in direct patient harm or the capability of emergency surgery availability and could result in an adverse impact of Veteran cardiac care.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Boston Scientific has existing medically approved consignment inventory available. Market research was conducted with GSA, the Internet, the SBA Dynamic Small Business database, and VetBiz for other sources.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Research of prior procurements with four companies including Boston Scientific determined the prices are based on published rates with a discount. Boston Scientific was the lowest cost of four companies. Boston Scientific has not raised this price in the past three years and the company stated they had no knowledge of any pending price increase for the next six months.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research was conducted with GSA, Internet searches, the SBA Dynamic Small Business database, and VetBiz. In addition, the past history of Boston Scientific was considered.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** With the current routine and emergency cardiac surgeries required by Veterans, inventory interruption could result in adverse affects on patient safety and quality of care. A formal solicitation program is being conducted at this time also to initiate a VISN wide contract for Coronary Balloon Catheters.
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:**
- This acquisition is being set-up for a six month base period. This will provide the opportunity to formally conduct a VISN wide Coronary Balloon Catheter long term contract.
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.

Willie James
Logistics Manager

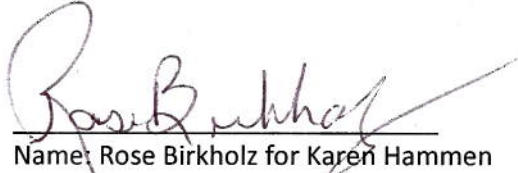
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13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

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



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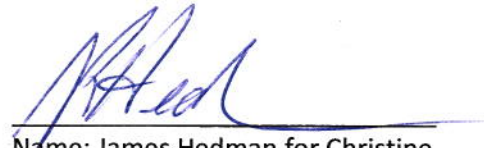
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- b. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Name: James Hedman for Christine Hansen, NCM

3/27/2012

Date