

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)  
For  
Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA263-17-AP-6674

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive, MN 56303. Organization Activity: Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS), One Veterans Drive Minneapolis, MN 55417, 618-17-3-4002-0430.

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

This procurement is for a bridge 6 month sole source firm fixed price purchase order for MVAHCS Dental lab prosthodontics in accordance with FAR 13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where 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:**

Fixed and removable dental lab prosthodontics.

Period of Performance: 4/1/2017 – 9/30/2017

IGCE: [REDACTED]

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

The authority for applying the Simplified Procedures for Commercial Items of FAR 13.5 is 41 U.S.C. 1901 and is implemented by for restricting competition on this procurement via FAR 13.106-1(b)(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):**

This sole source bridge acquisition is to continue dental service and supplies of fixed and removable prosthodontics for the MVAHCS and Ramsey, MN CBOC provided by Intelligent Touch Dental Corp under contract VA263-16-P-1134 which expires on 4/1/2017. This purchase order will provide an extension that consists of a 6 month period of performance and will prevent an adverse impact on the mission of the agency, which would occur with the interruption of the work presently performed. Pricing will be consistent with those experienced under the expiring contract.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

For reasons stated in paragraph 5, this is a purchase order to provide a continuation of service to prevent adverse impact on the mission of the agency, which would occur with the interruption of the work presently performed. A new long term contract will be competitively solicited through [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) with a base plus 4 option years and is anticipated to be awarded with an effective date of 10/1/2017.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

The prices will be consistent with the current contract and are considered fair and reasonable.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

For reasons stated in paragraph 5, market research was not conducted.

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:**

Intelligent Touch Dental Corporation, 1830 Wooddale Drive, Suite 800 Woodbury, MN 55125.

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:**

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



Contracting Officer – NCO 23 STC

- b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required over \$150K but not exceeding \$700K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Acting Branch Chief – NCO 23 STC