

VISN 21 CCA Template for Limiting Competition

DETERMINATION OF LIMITATION OF SOURCES

1. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Consolidated Contracting Activity-VISN 21.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

This action limits competition for the acquisition of we are buying the renewal of the software for micro-CT scanner used for animals in the research department for the San Francisco VA Medical Facility. This action will be awarded as a firm-fixed price.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:

This is a request for a high-speed computer Server (hp Integrity bl1860 i2) with custom SCANCO software modules that can be clustered with other SCANCO computer servers to analyze data collected from two existing SCANCO micro-CT scanners.

The estimated value is [REDACTED] of this one-time buy.

4. AUTHORITY CITED:

FAR 13.601(b)(1), only one source is reasonably available because only one manufacturer's item will meet the Government's needs.

5. REASON FOR AUTHORITY CITED:

The authority cited in paragraph 4 must be used because:

“The SCANCO USA designs and owns the license of the software to be acquired and is the only vendor selling and installing the requested computer station. Without this server, the progress of more than 15 federal-funded projects will be substantially delayed.

The SF-VAMC Bone Imaging Core acquired a high-resolution μ CT scanner in 2011, which produced large quantity of imaging data that required a high-speed sever for timely analyses. At the time, this high-speed server was not purchased due to insufficient fund. Without this high-speed sever, the μ CT scanner could only operate at a 20-30% capacity which has been insufficient to support a large VA program project and many other projects funded to the investigators at SF-VAMC.

There are 15 VA, NIH, and DoD-funded projects (\$6 million annual expenditure), which heavily relies on the μ CT analyses. Due to the delayed data analyses in the absence of the requested server, those projects are at least 4-6 months behind the schedule. This delay will continue until the new server is installed.

The specified custom-made computer server is specifically designed to integrate with our existing SCANCO μ CT scanners and data analysis stations. Although, many companies could sell a computer server, they do not have the license to install SCANCO software.”

6. EFFORTS MADE FOR SOLICITING FROM OTHER VENDORS:

This requirement will be synopsised in the GPE as required by FAR 5.201.

Currently no other vendor provides software that will work with our current hardware. Once other vendors can provide similar equipment then we will make all attempts to solicit competitively.

7. FAIR AND REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated price will be determined to be fair and reasonable. A Price Negotiation Memorandum (PNM) will detail how the Government has determined that the anticipated costs will be fair and reasonable. We will use parametric pricing to help determine the price is fair and reasonable.

As this item has been determined to be commercial, cost or pricing data will not be required. Pricing techniques such as are described in FAR 15.404-1(b)(2), will be used to establish price fairness and reasonableness.

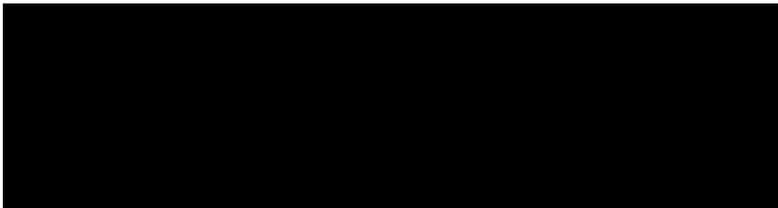
8. MARKET RESEARCH:

Market Research has been conducted in Accordance with FAR 10.

9. SUPPORTING FACTS:

Any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel. The evidence for this is the "Technical Data to Support a Restricted Competition" in the contract file.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES:



11. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

While currently no other vendor provides software that will work with our current hardware, another option would be to purchase an entire new system instead of just the software. But when we look up the pricing of replacing the entire system, the required training of the entire staff and finally the downtime of when research would be sacrificed the costs are too great to replace the entire system.

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Technical point of Contact

May 17, 2012
Date

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

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


Samuel J. Bon
Contract Specialist/Purchasing Agent

5/18/2012
Date

Recommend: Approval / Disapproval


Don Neal
Contracting Officer/ Team Manager Supply

5/18/12
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