

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval For Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 10, Dayton VA Medical - Center Engineering Service (138).
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The requirement for the Contractor to use "Edwards/EST" fire alarm components on Construction Project No. 552-15-102, Titled: Relocate Prosthetics and Podiatry Clinics.



3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** As part of the project to Relocate Podiatry & Prosthetics, spaces within Buildings 330 and 315 at the Dayton VAMC, the existing fire alarm system will be modified and re-integrated into the existing fire alarm system. This will include connecting additional devices into the existing hospital's fire alarm system in order to maintain proper fire protection measures.



4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
 - () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
 - () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
 - () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
 - () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
 - () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7.
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 "Edwards/EST" system is used throughout the medical center to achieve integration of fire alarm systems in all buildings.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** The fire alarm system that is used at the Dayton VAMC is “Edwards/EST”. “Edwards/EST” must continue to be used for integration and maintainability purposes. All IT addressable devices must be compatible with the existing system. No other manufacturer can provide addressable devices that are compatible.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** It is in the best interest of the government to use this product. The pricing is in line with pricing provided to the vendor’s other commercial customers, and is considered to be fair and reasonable. The pricing will be determined to be fair and reasonable to the government based on competition and commercial price lists as applicable.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Multiple manufacturers produce can provide devices that are compatible with the “Edwards/EST” fire system, e.g., sirens and visual alarms, The exceptions associated with the J&A are the device’s that are addressable, e.g., smoke detectors, heat detectors, and pull stations, and these devices will need to be provided by the original equipment manufacturer.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** N/A
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** N/A
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:** No action can be taken in the circumstance due to the equipment being under warranty and the need to maintain this warranty. The VA will continue to review the marketplace during future construction initiatives to determine if products have become available which meet the needs of the VA.
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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Title: Chief, Projects Section
Facility: Dayton VA Medical Center (552)

May 25, 2016
Date

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.

Donald P. Tam
Contracting Officer
NCO 10

Date

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

Donald Wentzel
Branch Chief, Construction – Team 1
NCO 10

Date