

# 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:** Requirement of contractor to use "Valcom" overhead paging system components for the paging system 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 a part of the project the paging system will be upgraded and will incorporate hardware with a "Valcom" platform. "Valcom" is used on all new and existing overhead paging components at the Dayton VAMC.
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 "Valcom" overhead paging system is currently being used throughout the facility. It is necessary for the paging system in this project to integrate seamlessly with the current system, thus justifying sole brand of these "Valcom" components.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** The overhead paging system that is used at the Dayton VAMC is a Valcom based system. In order for the system to operate

seamlessly and to be fully integrated the overhead paging system components must be Valcom. There are multiple sources for these controllers; Valcom simply refers to the manufacturer of the hardware.

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:** Market research has been previously conducted for prior projects, concerning this subject. This product is open for the public to purchase, this allows any contractor who has been properly trained on the product to install. The certification classes are also open to the public. There are at least three Contractors in the area who currently can install these products.
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.



May 26, 2016

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Chris Pleiman  
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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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Donald P. Tam  
Contracting Officer  
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Date

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

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Donald Wentzel  
Branch Chief, Construction – Team 1  
VISN 10

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Date