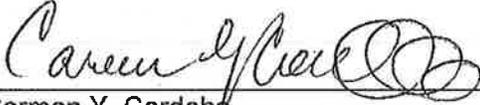


**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Acquisition Operations (OAO)
Strategic Acquisition Center-Frederick (SAC-F)
321 Ballenger Center Drive, Suite 125
Frederick, MD 21703
- 2. Description of Action:** The proposed action is for a sole source procurement of maintenance and repair services for the Noritsu QSS-GREEN photo printer at VA Central Office, Office of Administration, Media Services Division.
- 3. Description of Supplies or Services:** The proposed action is to purchase a Bumper to Bumper service agreement for the maintenance and repair of the Media Services Noritsu QSS-GREEN photo printer for one year base period, and one year option period (total of two years) and total estimated value of \$10,880.00 for the base and option. This includes unlimited labor required for repair, unlimited parts required for repair, two preventive maintenance calls per year (up to 4 hours each), fee unlimited access to NAC's Customer Service Desk (Hotline), free "Priority Shipping" for emergency parts, and free Software Upgrades.
- 4. Statutory Authority:** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 6.302-1, Only one source is capable of providing the services required. Noritsu America Corporation is the only authorized maintenance and repair organization for Noritsu products.
- 5. Rationale Supporting use of Authority Cited Above:** VA purchased a Media Services Noritsu QSS-GREEN photo printer in 2014 which requires routine maintenance and repair support in addition to regular software updates to ensure the equipment is functioning to full capacity and capability. The maintenance and repair agreement that came with the equipment purchase has ended. Market research indicates that while purchasing of the equipment can be through a third party, only the manufacturer, Noritsu American Corporation is capable of providing maintenance and repair to the equipment. As such, market research indicates that Noritsu American Corporation is the only vendor that can meet VA's maintenance requirements for this photo printer. By continuing routine maintenance, timely repairs, and software upgrades, this equipment will function longer, thereby saving the Government time and money that would be required to procure new equipment.
- 6. Efforts to Obtain Competition:** Market research was conducted, as detailed in Section 8 below. The effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet all of the Government's material requirements. There is no fully responsive competition for this acquisition. In accordance with FAR 5.301 the justification will be published within 14 days on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website after award pursuant to FAR 6.305(a).
- 7. Determination of Best Value:** The proposed contract action will represent the best value to the Government. Price analysis will be conducted and to determine price reasonableness and price discounts, if available, will be sought.

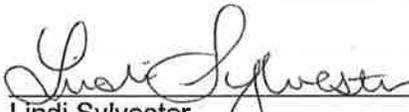
8. **Market Research:** Market Research was conducted by the Office of Administration (program office) to determine if competition was viable for this action. Eight companies were contacted by phone and asked if they provided maintenance or repair for the Noritsu Photo Printer. All of the vendors contacted stated that the only organization or business that provided maintenance or repair of Noritsu photo printers was the Noritsu Corporation. Research was also conducted on the Veteran Information Pages (VIP) using the term "Noritsu" and no results were found. Given the response from multiple vendors and the specialized nature of the services required at the level of quality Noritsu America Corporation, market research indicates that Noritsu American Corporation is the only authorized contractor that can meet the maintenance requirements for the Noritsu photo printer.
9. **Technical and Requirements Certification:** I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Carmen Y. Cordoba
Acting Chief, Media Services Division

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Date

10. **Contracting Officer Certification:** I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Lindi Sylvester
Contracting Officer

6/2/2017
Date