

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION (OPEN MARKET/GSA)

1. **Requesting Activity:** Veterans Benefits Administration, St. Petersburg Regional Office, 9500 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg, FL33708,

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

The St Petersburg VARO is in need of upgrading and installing a new Metasys to the Building Automation Systems (BAS), HVAC, Lighting, Life Safety, and Irrigation. The Contractor shall provide all supervision, labor, administrative support, materials, tools, parts, supplies, equipment, software, hardware and transportation necessary to effectively and efficiently fulfill all the requirements of the contract.

3. **Brand Name Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

Johnson Controls Metasys BAS Server Sequel Software on a Contractor supplied ADS/ADX server with JC Metasys BAS Graphics+ software to include the Graphics Generation Tool (GGT) software on a contractor supplied work station (computer) with sufficient memory and associated components (RAM, VRAM, graphics accelerators, graphics cards, etc.)

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Brand Name:** 41 USC §253(c), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1.

Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1

5. **Detailed explanation of the brand name restriction (applicability of authority):**

The St Petersburg VA Regional Office Johnson Controls Metasys BAS control system is currently linked to the Energy Center located in the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center. To ensure common and efficient communications interface with the Johnson Controls Metasys BAS system in the Energy Center it is essential VARO Building Automation System also be a JC Metasys BAS system. The Energy Center monitors the VA Regional Office 24-7 and needs to be able to capture and resolve problems during non-duty hours with VARO's building systems to insure continuity of operations. Installing a third party BAS software platform increases the risk of communication loss to key capital investment equipment, i.e. air conditioners located in the Network Service Center which could be catastrophic if not addressed immediately. Utilizing a non-Johnson Controls Metasys BAS control system causes additional trouble shooting issue in the event a repair is needed. By consistently utilizing the same system, it ensures repairs are easily isolated and limits service calls. Ultimately, integrating another system will make the infrastructure less stable due to compatibility issues and thus increases the risk for system failure and disruption of Government services to our Veterans.

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

This procurement will be competed IAW FAR 13 through <https://www.fbo.gov/>. Doing so will allow as many potential sources the opportunity to provide a quote.

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

Price reasonableness will be based on competitive quotations or offers.

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

Market research was conducted and it was determined the system is an open market item that can be supported by Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB).

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:**

N/A, this is a onetime purchase.

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.

Dennis Ecord
Project Manager

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Scott Russell
Contracting Officer

- b. **One Level above Contracting Officer:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mary K. Hoelscher
Supervisory Contracting Officer