

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$150,000  
FAR PART 8.405-6**

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA256-17-AP-7929**

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

**Restricted to the following source:** Provide *original manufacturer's* name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

**Manufacturer/Contractor:** Computation, Inc GSA Contract # GS-35F-0037M  
**Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number:** Kim Goldberg  
**Mfr/Contractor Address:** 8521 Fallbrook Ave. Ste., 100, Canoga Park, GA 91304-3236  
**Dealer/Rep address/phone number:** 800-222-4488

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System  
2400 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA. 70119  
**VISN:** 16

**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System (SLVHCS) VISN 16 is purchasing Computation Foodservice Operations Management Pro/Nutrition Care Management Platinum Automated Commercial Off the Shelf Software (COTS). The software for this proposed action will be installed on a VA network server located in Little Rock, AR that is currently supporting other medical centers within the VISN.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

The proposed action is to acquire software, database build user licenses, training, maintenance and user support for an activating medical center in VISN 16. The proposed period of performance is for the twelve-month period post contract award, with four 12-month option periods for renewal of NFS licenses, maintenance and service support. Food service operations and clinical support software will allow SLVHCS staff to easily manage multiple food service operations within current resources as well as, allows for the creation of customized programs for specific patient populations. Food Service Management module, which functions as a "back house" automated food service management system and be comprised of at least sub-modules such as Ingredients, recipes, and menus. In addition, SLVHCS will provide veteran-centric room service dining in acute care, a requirement of this procurement. SLVHCS has standardized on video guest edutainment system, for which the food service software should interface, allowing veterans to access food service menus and ordering options using their

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hospital room's smart television. Software licenses provide an extension of the existing food service software functionality and support concurrent users. The maintenance support includes Oracle Database Administrator (DBA) Remote Access, which currently utilizes a map based interface and provides for existing Master Virtual Private network account configuration for remote access. There are four medical centers in VISN 16 that utilize Computrition software. Each site can customize this server based solution to their site-specific needs. Computrition Foodservice Operations Management Pro/Nutrition Care Management Platinum Automated diet office, room service on-demand meal ordering and tray tracking capability will meet the needs of the SLVHCS.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$337,509.00

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: August 31, 2017

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. **(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)**

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

Computrition is the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of this software, and maintenance support Computrition does not authorize any other entity to sell, support or train others in the use of its software

☒ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is: (If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

In a letter dated January 11, 2017 to VISN 8, Computrition confirmed that they offer a proprietary software package that includes food service operation management, nutritional care management/automated diet office and Point of Sale functionality. The functionality is wholly developed, tested, owned, and maintained by Computrition, Inc. e.

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☒ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

Computrition Inc.'s software package is the only commercial foodservice software currently available that has demonstrated interface to VA Veterans Integrated System Technology Architecture (VISTA)/Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) Electronic Health Records using an existing HL-7 interface. Use of a software solution other than Computrition's software package will require re-development of interfaces within the existing VISN 16 architecture. Even with such extensive development, full integration with VISN 16's architecture would still not be guaranteed. Further, any new interfaces

created because of using a solution other than Computrition's software would have to be developed, configured, and tested. Developing an entirely new software solution when existing solution is in use at VISN 16 poses significant risk of applicability, compatibility, and interoperability issues.

**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

The software modules associated with this software package cannot be licensed by any other company given its proprietary nature. The use of any other source's software solution would require an extensive redevelopment effort for it to function on VISN 16's architecture to provide the functionality currently provided by Computrition's software. Even with such extensive development, full integration with VISN 16's architecture would still not be guaranteed. Further, any new interfaces created because of using a solution other than Computrition's software would have to be developed, configured, and tested. Developing an entirely new software solution when existing solution is in use at VISN 16 poses significant risk of applicability, compatibility, and interoperability issues.

**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market research efforts were conducted through a, review of website information, interviews with other Contractors with similar and interfacing software to determine if competition was viable for this action. In August and September 2016 VISN 8 posted an RFI on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website and GSA website to ascertain whether any Contractors other than Computrition were capable to provide the required software licenses and related support. Responses via FBO posting were received from Vision Software Technology, SCIGON Solutions and Wasatech Infotech. A response via GSA posting was received from CBORD. VISN 8 subject matter expert/technical expert reviewed the responses and determined no source other than Computrition can meet the VA's requirements based on the following evaluations of the similar products. CBORD does not have the appropriate nutrition and food service software interface to Vista that is needed in the management of multiple food service functions within current resources and customized programs for specific patient populations. Minburn Technology Group responded as a partner with CBORD, but they do not have their own HL-7 connection. SCIGON solutions, a service-disabled Veteran-owned small business expressed an interest; offering to partner with Vision Software, but Vision Software does not have demonstrated interface. Wasatech Infotech responded to develop software; however, they could not provide a commercial-off-the-shelf software solution. Market research resulted in an assessment that there is no source capable of interfacing HL-7 interface and the capacity to meet all the VA-approved requirements to begin using the software as soon as possible in FY17 to meet SLVHCS requirements. VA experience within VISN 8 and other facilities utilizing similar food service management software reflects a three to five-year development period would be necessary to provide a feasible solution that meets SLVHCS requirements.

**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

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The VHA 2015 NFS annual report (latest available) notes that Computrition is used in 92 of 128 sites. Of the 6 sites reporting other systems, none of the sites integrate with Vista, which is a mandatory requirement of the SLVHCS implementation.

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(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE: N/A

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Nutrition & Food Service  
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**Southeast Louisiana Veterans HCS 629**  
**FACILITY**

**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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