

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA247-17-AP-8900

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 7, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, Station 509, Augusta, Georgia 30904.

Transaction#: 509-17-3-5528-0025, DSI Manual Crank Mobile Shelving System

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for other than full and open competition for the procurement of the manual assist hand crank mobile shelving system for the Uptown and Downtown Logistics Warehouse, Supply & Distribution area, and the Print Production area.

The anticipated cost is \$231,185.90; this will allow for effective and efficient management of stock and stored medical and non-medical supplies.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This vendor has previously installed custom shelving throughout the hospital and offers a lifetime warranty on all products installed. The parts are interchangeable with components. The vendor is upgrading the existing space saver shelving system with a manual crank assisted mobile space saving shelving unit.

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):** DSI Shelving and storage systems are in use throughout the facility. We are requesting "brand name only" to ensure continuity among the shelving system used throughout the warehouse and storage & distribution sections. Distribution Systems International (DSI) is a small business vendor

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6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Due to the need for continuity of the shelving system and interchangeability; only DSI has the capability based on market research conducted.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Cost associated with this manual crank mobile shelving system are consistent with market rates and offer a cost savings to the government by reducing the number of systems to be maintained. As a result; it is therefore deemed fair and reasonable.
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 there are some companies with capabilities but cannot provide the same solution as DSI has proposed; DSI has a proven track record and can ensure continuity among the shelving/storage solutions used at this medical center.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** The company, DSI, has a proven record of providing superior quality products and meeting the governments needs timely. The vendor also provides a lifetime warranty on all work and products. Given the facility already has DSI custom shelving and storage options in place, it ensures continuity and reduces costs by having to maintain a variety of systems.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** Only DSI was contacted and responded due to being the only supplier capable to meet the need and continuity required.
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:** Market research will continue to be conducted with future acquisitions to determine if competitive sources have become available.
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.

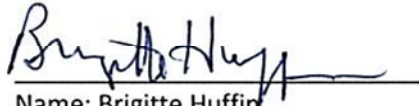
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Date: 09/11/2017

13. **Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.** *This part if filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

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



Name: Brigitte Huffin
Title: Contracting Officer
Facility: Charlie Norwood VAMC

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- b. **One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required over \$150K but not exceeding \$700K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Name: Laurinda Millage
NCO Duty Title: SUPV Contracting Officer
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