

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.5**  
**Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items**  
(\$150,000, but not exceeding \$700,000)

IAW FAR13.501(a)(2)(ii). For a proposed contract exceeding \$150,000, but not exceeding \$700,000, the contracting officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief will serve as approval, unless a higher approval level is established in accordance with agency procedures.

**1. ACQUISITION PLAN ACTION ID:**  
VA248-17-AP-15712 675-18-1-2409-0002

**1A. PROJECT/TASK**  
**No.** N/A

**1B. ESTIMATED AMOUNT:**  
\$464,233.38

**2. This is a Justification for Other than Full and Open competition for the Veterans Health Administration, Network Contracting Office 8, Orlando.** The nature and/or description of the action being approved is a SDVOSB Sole Source justification to procure a Firm-Fixed price contract for Vocera® communication system. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs is as follows: The Orlando VA Medical Center has an immediate need to continue using the current system for a secure way to connect care team members with voice, text messaging, and critical healthcare data for patient care. The Vocera® messaging provides interface with the nurse call system and deploys EMR data to devices using the new Engaged software platform. Vocera® software package is the only HIPPA-compliant, integrated voice and secure text messaging application on multiple devices (smartphones, tablets, desktops) for life-critical communication. The Vocera® premier support ensures that the hardware and software are operating at their optimum potential and that the VA is always up to date on the latest security software measures.

**3. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

**IAW FAR13.501(a)(1)(ii), this Sole Source justification, using the format at 6.303-2, is modified to reflect that the procedures in FAR subpart 13.5 were used in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1901 or the authority of 41 U.S.C. 1903.**

- (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-;
- ( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
- ( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**4. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition Requires use of the authority cited:** The Orlando VAMC is currently using Vocera® software previously purchased through FSS Contract GS-35F-0858N/VA248-15-F-2247. The follow-on licenses and support must be from the authorized Vocera® distributor, Government Marketing & Procurement (GMP), an SDVOSB vendor.

Therefore, award will be made directly to Government Marketing & Procurement, LLC (GMP) in accordance with 38 U.S.C.8127(c) Veterans First Contracting Program.

**Authorized by statute 6.302-5(a)(2)(i) Sole Source based on VAAR 819.7007**

**819.7007 Sole source awards to a verified service-disabled Veteran-owned small business.**

- (a) A contracting officer may award a contract to a verified SDVOSB concern using procedures other than competitive procedures provided—
  - (1) The anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed \$5 million;
  - (2) The justification prepared pursuant to FAR 6.302-5(c)(2)(ii) is posted in accordance with FAR subpart 5.301(d);
  - (3) The SDVOSB concern has been determined to be a responsible source with respect to performance; and

(4) In the estimation of the contracting officer, contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the Government.

(b) The contracting officer's determination to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer. To ensure that opportunities are available to the broadest number of verified SDVOSBs, this authority is to be used judiciously and only when in the best interest of the Government.

(c) A determination that only one SDVOSB can meet the requirement is not required. However, in accordance with FAR 6.302-5(c)(2)(ii) [↗](#), contracts awarded using this authority shall be supported by a written justification and approval described in FAR 6.303 [↗](#) and 6.304 [↗](#), as applicable.

(d) When conducting a SDVOSB sole source acquisition, the contracting officer shall ensure the business meets eligibility requirements 819.7003.

(e) A procurement requirement estimated to exceed the legislative threshold of \$5 million shall not be split or to permit the use of this SDVOSB sole source authority.

**5. Efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable are:**

Market research was conducted using the internet, FPDS, Federal Supply Schedules. Vocera provided a Sole Source letter, authorizing Government Marketing & Procurement, LLC (GMP) as a distributor of the Vocera software and support services. GMP is an SDVOSB vendor, registered in VetBiz, and is an authorized distributor of Vocera products.

**6. A description of the market research conducted and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted:** Market Research was conducted using the internet, the NAC, SAC, FPDS, VetBiz and GSA. In addition, the manufacturer was contacted and provided a Sole Source letter that GMP is Vocera's exclusive authorized distributor of Vocera's products and services.

**7. Actions that the agency will take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required are:** Market Research will be conducted to obtain additional Competition opportunities from other SDVOSB/VOSB vendors if any become available in accordance with the Kingdomware Decision. Competition will be solicited to the maximum extend practicable.

**8. Sources that expressed interest in writing are:** Government Marketing & Procurement, LLC

**9. Any other facts supporting full and open Competition:** N/A

**10. Technical or requirements personnel's certification that supporting data which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate.**

Name: Sonia I. Collazo Title: Nursing Informatics/BCMA-C Service/Section: Nursing

Signature: Sonia I. Collazo Date: 10/20/2017

**5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** It is determined that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable. *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR FAR13.501. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Name: Pedro Catinchi Title: Contracting Officer Service/Section: NCO 8, OVAMC Commodity Contracts

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/20/2017

**6. Level Above Contracting Officer's Review:**

**Name:** Dennis Bleckley    **Title:** Deputy Director, VHA    **Service/Section:** NCO 8

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 10/20/2017