

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)

For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA256-18-AP-3154

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Medical Center. Purchase request 586-18-2-1524-0001.

2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:

The VA is requiring services from Johnson Controls to provide upgraded isolation room monitors in the inpatient pharmacy at the Jackson VA Medical Center. The current system does not provide the correct monitoring for these rooms to allow proper preparation of patient medications. A VISN 16 inspection on 2-7-2018 cited the hospital for deficiencies in these areas and has put the hospital at the risk of having to shut down its medication process for patient care. The shutdown of this process would deny patients medications and proper care which would force the medical center to outsource patient care to other non-VA facilities.

3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:

Johnson Controls is the current supplier of the monitoring system and is the only source available that can provide the programming of and the upgraded controls that are compatible with the operating system within the hospital that it must interface with. Johnson Controls is the current supplier of the monitoring system and is the only source available that can provide the program with the current Johnson Controls system. Johnson Controls has installed and maintains the current system throughout the entire campus. Having another contractor provide replacement monitors will jeopardize the programming and interfacing with the preexisting Johnson Controls server and network. Also verification of programming would be difficult as a separate vendor would need to gain access to passwords and administration rights to systems that are operated by Johnson Controls

4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:

Market research reveals that past VISN16 contracts for similar supply, install, and program requirements were reviewed. Those past contracts were sole sourced to Johnson Controls, due to the need of integration with current systems and interfacing with the server and overall Johnson Control Network. Additionally, the end user/ program manager was consulted as to the likelihood of the services being performed by another company. The program manager was of the opinion that if another company was used, work would still have to sub contracted out to Johnson controls for the programming of the monitors, interface with the server, testing of the new controls, and troubleshooting of issues if applicable. Further, Johnson Controls program manager, Edward Richardson, was contacted to gain a

better understanding of Johnson Control's role in the requirement. It was clearly communicated that the bulk of the work is the programming of the monitors by Johnson Control technicians.

- 5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Ashlei Donerson
Contracting Officer

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