

**Capital Region Readiness Center (CRRC), Martinsburg, West Virginia  
Clean Agent System Upgrades**

**Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition,  
Application for Brand Name Description**

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:

This Justification and Approval (J&A) for Other Than Full and Open Competition is executed by Acquisition Service – Frederick (AS-F), Frederick, MD, on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Affairs Central Office (VACO), Capital Region Readiness Center (CRRC), Martinsburg, West Virginia.

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved:

The requested enhancements listed below are to support an existing Fike Cheetah XI fire suppression system used at the VA Capital Region Readiness Center data floor in Martinsburg, WV. The system upgrades will enhance the existing system by providing a clear indication of the system including when it is in alarm, how much time is remaining until the system discharges and the capability to remotely inform key individuals what the current status of the system is. All enhancements must be able to utilize 100% of the functionality of the existing system, parts and components be Underwriter Laboratory (UL) listed, installed by National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) certified special hazard designer, Level 2 or above per National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and VA Fire Protection Design Manual.

Purchasing the below identified components will result in the cost effective management of VA fire protection system at the CRRC.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value):

The following are the components that make up the requested system enhancements.

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Estimated Equipment &amp; Installation Cost</b>
Fike Intelligent Graphic Annunciator (PN 10-1XX) with gray frame and black lexan which is sized appropriately to show the 112 smoke detector heads above and below the data floor.	\$18,860.00

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Item Description	Estimated Equipment & Installation Cost
Fike Countdown Timer with Abort Switch (PN 20-040).	\$5,680.00
Fike Precise Vision Event Management and Graphic System (PN 06-462) with a new 19" touch screen LCD w/built-in computer (P/N 06-510) and e-mail capability (P/N 05-510).	\$20,460.00

The estimated overall price for procurement of the requested system enhancements specific to a brand name item including installation is \$45,000.00.

4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:

The statutory exception permitting other than full and open competition for this acquisition is 41USC 253(c)(5), by FAR 6.302-1(c) "Application for brand name descriptions."

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:

All enhancements must be able to utilize 100% of the functionality of the existing Fike clean agent fire suppression system. The parts and components shall be UL listed, installed by NICET certified special hazard designer, Level 2 or above per the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and VA Fire Protection Design Manual and be certified to be used on a Fike system.

The estimated replacement cost to change out the existing Fike clean agent fire suppression system exceeds \$1,000,000.00.

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable, including whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by Subpart 5.2 and, if not, which exception under 5.202 applies:

Because this requirement contains a brand name only specification, the Contracting Officer is required under FAR Part 5 to post the justification and documentation necessary to support this requirement. Therefore, the following will be posted to FedBizOpps:

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- A notice of proposed contract action in accordance with FAR 5.207;
- The solicitation in accordance with FAR 5.102; and
- The justification document in accordance with FAR 5.102(a)(6) and 6.305(c)

7. A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:

The Contracting Officer will make a fair and reasonable determination after reviewing the quoted prices.

8. A description of the market research conducted (see Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.

Market research revealed that the equipment and services as required by this requirement are not available on GSA from a sufficient number of contractors to ensure adequate competition.

A number of small business concerns were identified that can possibly meet the requirements of this solicitation. As a result, the Contracting Officer believes that there is a reasonable expectation that offers will be obtained from two or more responsible small business concerns that are competitive in terms of market prices, quality, and delivery.

Thus, as result of the market research efforts described above, an open market small business set-aside procurement strategy is recommended for this acquisition.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition:

The current Fike system needs to be maintained with added options to make the system as reliable and functional in case of a fire in the data center, which serves critical functions to all VA's across the country as well as all the patients. The upgrades need to be completed utilizing equipment authorized by the original vendor as to not lose the UL listing or the limited warranty from when the system was installed two years ago.

10. A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition:

BFPE  
Harris Fire Protection Co  
Suppression Systems, Inc

Department of Veterans Affairs

11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required:

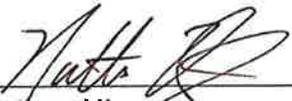
None

12. Signatures

In accordance with FAR 6.304(a)(1) for a proposed contract not exceeding \$650,000, the contracting officer's certification required by 6.303-2(b)(12) will serve as approval unless a higher approving level is established in agency procedures.

Technical/Requirement Representative

I certify the supporting data, including the statement of the Government's minimum needs and other rationale for other than full and open competition is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Nathan Hizer  
Office of Information & Technology  
CRRC Facility Engineer

7/24/12  
Date

Contracting Officer

Pursuant to FAR 6.302(a)(12), I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief.

  
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James L. Boughner  
AS-F, Contracting Officer

7/24/12  
Date