

Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition

Brand Name Only

FCI Gamewell by Honeywell (commonly known as FCI)

Fire Alarm Control Panels

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity.

Requesting Agency: South Texas Dept. of Veterans Health Care System
Engineering Section
3600 Memorial Blvd.
Kerrville, TX 78028

Contracting Activity: VISN 17 Network Contracting Office 17 (NCO)
2002 Scott Blvd., Temple TX 76504

- 2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved:** The South Texas Department of Veterans Health Care System needs upgrades to the defunct fire alarm control panels currently in use. Needed Fire Alarm Control Panels (FACPs) will have to be capable of supporting, integrating, and utilizing the database of the current in place system at Kerrville VA campus. The action being approved is a justification for other than full and open competition to limit competition on a brand name basis to offerors providing FCI Gamewell by Honeywell FACPs and associated miscellaneous support products.

3. Description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs:

FCI Gamewell by Honeywell FACPs and associated miscellaneous support products will include:

- (1 each) - Main combination E3 FACP w/Voice, touch screen display
 - DACT (Digital Alarm Communicator Transmitter)
- (4 each) - Combination E3/voice, touch screen displays and amplifiers
- (2 each) - Operation centers w/ touch screen annunciators, microphones, speaker select buttons
- (31 each) - FF8 Series NAC power supplies
- (2 each) - LCD-SLP touch screen annunciators
- (2 each) - INX voice panels with amplifiers
- (2 each) - Combination E3/ voice with amplifiers
- (1 each) - LCD-SLP touch screen annunciator
- (7 each) - S3 series panels with touch screen displays, batteries and Fiber Optic network cards

4. **Identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:** The statutory authority for this action is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1 "Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements."
5. **Demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:** The use of FCI FACP brand is essential for this upgrade project as this brand of panels and only this brand will integrate into the existing system at Kerrville VA campus. Any other brand would not be certified with existing system or devices in place.

Utilizing the FCI brand of panel will save replacing and programming: 1954 detection, notification, water flow, tamper devices, current fire suppression pump controller, miles of wiring and Fiber Optics in 22 buildings with multiple floors to include 2 patient care and treatment facilities.

The use of the FCI brand will give the Kerrville VA a certified and warrantied fire alarm system that would not be available with any other brand of fire alarm panel utilizing current device and programming.

6. **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:** Market research was conducted and the details are contained in the market research section below.
7. **Determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:** In accordance with FAR 15.404-1(b)(2)(i) the Contracting Officer shall determine pricing fair and reasonable based on a comparison of the proposed prices received in response to the solicitation.
8. **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 was conducted by searching the DSBS database and there are 35 SDVOSB concerns identified under the applicable NAICS code 236220 with key word "fire alarm" capable of performing this type of work. A search of the Vetbiz database identified 32 certified SDVOSBs capable of meeting the need of this requirement. The Government has further identified two (2) vendors that serves this brand of FACP's; they are Fire Alarm Control Systems (FACS) and Skelton Fire Alarm.
9. **Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition:** Purchase descriptions suitable for full and open competition have not been developed as the brand name is necessary to meet the Government's needs as stated in section 5 of this document.

The current requirement must be solicited using a brand name description because the requested manufacture is the sole manufacture that provides supportable panels that can be certified with exiting devices and programming currently installed at the Kerrville campus. The Kerrville VA currently has hundreds of thousands of dollars already invested in current installation, devices, software, of fire alarm system already in use. Purchasing another product would incur installation costs of a total fire alarm system to include devices, wiring, panels, programing, testing, citifying and create a learning curve to include training and possible software updates.


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

N/A.

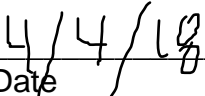
11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required: All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis to determine any future acquisition strategy. Additionally, consistent with the guidelines of the Veterans First Contracting Program, the proposed action described herein will be synopsized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page in accordance with FAR Part 5.

12. Certification requirement:

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.



John Dolley
Fire Alarm technician/COR



Date

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lindsey Hooge
Contracting Officer

Date