

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
260 Industrial Way West
Eatontown, NJ 07724

2. **Title of Acquisition:** PrivPlus Software

This requirement will be accomplished via:

☒ New Purchase Order

Purchase Order will be:

☒ Firm Fixed Price

Type of Funds:

☒ IT Funds (FCP: 4430)

3. **Description of Supplies or Services.**

The proposed sole source action is for a 12-month firm-fixed price contract for PrivPlus software with CBR Associates, Inc. 1445 Broad Street, Durham, North Carolina 27705. PrivPlus is currently being used by Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities across the country as required by VA Central Office. PrivPlus software is a supplement to the main credentialing software system utilized by the VA. The credentialing software allows providers' clinical privileges and/or pertinent information (including photograph of provider) to be viewed electronically.

Description	Version	Quantity
PrivPlus Renewal for Current Licenses	V6.1	41
PrivPlus New Licenses	V6.1	2

4. **Authority Cited.**

☒ Other FAR Authority 6.302-1

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C.253(c)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

Subpart 6.302-1 entitled, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements."

5. Reason for Authority Cited.

[X] Explain exclusive licensing agreements:

CBR Associates is the sole provider for PrivPlus software and products that are currently being used by VA facilities across the country as required by VA Central Office. PrivPlus "supplements" the main credentialing software package used by VA (Vet Pro). PrivPlus runs license currency reports, an integral feature required by the Credentialing department. PrivPlus is the only product that meets the need of the VA by allowing a provider's clinical privileges and/or other pertinent information (including photograph of provider) to be viewed electronically and on the VA Intranet, on a need to know basis by location, provider, service, or section with added security measures. The flexibility of PrivPlus allows programs to run on local PCs or facility networks with "push out" abilities to the internet for verification purposes. Images of verification can also be captured and stored in PrivPlus. Additionally, with PrivPlus, data can be retrieved from one source in many different formats and reports.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition.

Market research was conducted, details of which are in the market research section of this document. This effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. Procurement data does not include any unnecessary requirements that may inhibit competition. Furthermore, in accordance with (IAW) FAR 5.301(b)(6) this action will not be synopsisized on the Federal Business Opportunity Page (FBO) due to dollar threshold. IAW FAR 6.305(a) this Justification and Approval (J&A) for Other than Full and Open Competition will be made publicly available on FBO within 14 days after contract award.

7. Actions to Increase Competition.

In order to remove or overcome barriers to competition in future acquisitions for this requirement, the Government will continue to conduct market research to ascertain if there are changes in the market place that would enable future actions to be fully competed.

8. Market Research.

Market research was conducted by the Program Office in May 2012. The methods used and results are as indicated below:
Market research was conducted in July 2012 by issuing a Request for Information (RFI) out to Industry via FBO, the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA) Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) IV Government Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) and General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule 70 Category 132 32, to determine if any other credentialing software besides PrivPlus was available in the market place that could meet the Government's technical requirements. As a result of the three (3) RFIs, five (5) quotes were received. VA's technical experts evaluated each RFI response and determined that none of the responses were technically acceptable and none met VA's requirements for credentialing software.

Based on the market research above, the Government's technical experts have determined that only the PrivPlus software can meet all of the Government's technical requirements and that CBR Associates, Inc. is the only responsible source as it is the sole provide for PrivPlus software and products as no other company is authorized to resell PrivPlus brand name software.

9. Interested Sources.

N/A

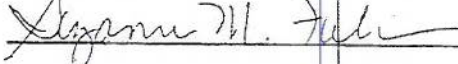
10. Technical Certification. I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Preparer

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Date:

Title: Region 3 OIT Management Analyst

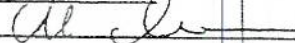
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11. Requirements Certification. I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Alan Goldsmith

Date:

Title: Supervisory IT Specialist

Signature:  7/20/12

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification. I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As this contract action does not exceed \$650,000, the certification below required by FAR 6.303-2(b)(12) services as approval.

Name: John M. Adamitis

Date: 7/20/12

Title: Contracting Officer

Signature: 