

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval  
For  
Other Than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
NCO 20, Construction Team

on behalf of

Veterans Administration Medical Center  
500 West Fort Street  
Boise, ID 83702-4501

VA2237: 531-12-3-5413-0005

**2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

This procurement is for general construction services to for the construction of the Residential Mental Health Facility at the Boise VAMC located in Boise, Idaho.

Project Number: 531-CSI-102  
Project Title: Residential Mental Health Facility  
Estimated Cost of Construction: \$ [REDACTED]  
Project Period of Performance: 13 months

**3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

The Residential Mental Health Facility requires a fire alarm and protection system that seamlessly connects to and is compatible with the existing fire alarm and protection system at the medical center. The existing system is Edwards Fire Alarm System.

Estimated cost for the Edwards fire system is \$ [REDACTED]

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

*41 USC §253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1.*

- (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 6.302-5;  
( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;  
( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

The VAMC, Boise, Idaho currently has an Edwards Fire Alarm and Protection System. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) requires medical centers to maintain a fully integrated fire detection and notification system. NFPA compliance is monitored by the Joint Commission.

The medical center currently maintains a fully operational Edwards Fire Alarm and Protection System. Edwards systems are proprietary and do not accept integration with other manufacturers' systems. Multiple fire detection and alarm systems would create a violation of the NFPA code and may jeopardize the medical center's accreditation by the Joint Commission. Even more serious is the potential risk to patient and staff safety.

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable**

The fire detection and notification system is brand name (Edwards). Selection of Edwards is the result of a previous competitive procurement.

In accordance with the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA), the overall procurement will be competed; and will be issued as an invitation for bid (IFB) and will be 100% set aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concerns.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

These items are part of a larger project, which will be solicited and awarded on a competitive basis. Fair and reasonable pricing will be established based on competition received.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

All market research was performed by the architect-engineering firm of record, ZGA Architects & Planners, Chartered (ZGA) to secure prices for the government estimate. These sources have been identified by ZGA as a result of the Task Order to design the Residential Mental Health Facility. Approval of these items as brand name is critical for overall efficiency of the completed project and the Boise facility as a whole.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

None noted.

**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

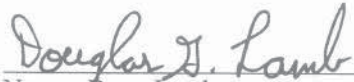
See paragraph 8, above. It is the responsibility of the bidders and the successful general contractor to locate suppliers and obtain pricing for all building materials and components, including the items listed in this justification.

**11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:**

There will be competition for the overall procurement. It will be the responsibility of the bidders to obtain pricing from suppliers of the items and to submit a competitive bid for the project.

All subsystems and components listed in this justification were originally competed and the product offering the best value to the government was selected at that time. In the event the subsystems and components are ever replaced on a facility-wide basis, the procurement to replace the products will be competed in accordance with all procurement laws and regulations.

12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and 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.



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Title: Chief, Facilities Management  
Facility: Boise VAMC

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Date:

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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