

Service Area Office, East
Department of Veterans Affairs
323 North Shore Drive, Suite 500
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Memorandum 2011-003
March 16, 2011

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

**ORDER >\$150,000
FAR PART 8.405-6(g)**

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 562-13-1-5237-0010

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source: Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: Steris under GSA Contract V797P-4921A

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Joe Puchan; 800-548-4873

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, OH 44060

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: None

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Erie VAMC

VISN:

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(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

The Erie VAMC has a requirement for a software license for the Connect Assure.

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

This is for software which will allow the Erie VAMC to interface with Steris' software.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$7,290.45

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: October 1, 2012

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

Steris Corporation has submitted a letter that states they are the sole authorized distributor of software, parts, and services for products distributed under the brand name "Connect Assure". The software is for instrument management, which allows staff to track and manage medical instruments more easily.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.404(d) TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

Per the FAR reference above, all GSA prices are determined to be fair and reasonable at the time of contract award.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

None.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

This software interfaces with another system which was previously procured by the Erie VAMC. Other similar software programs are available, but they do not interface with this system. It is expected that the system and this software will be competitively procured once the system reaches its maximum life expectancy.

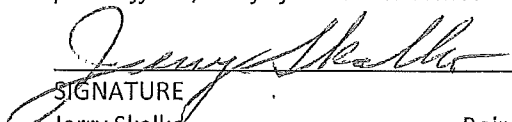
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(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:


None.

(9) **REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

		<u>8-15-2012</u>
SIGNATURE		DATE
<u>Jerry Skalko</u>	<u>Biomed</u>	<u>Biomed</u>
NAME	TITLE	SERVICE LINE/SECTION
<u>Erie VAMC</u>		
FACILITY		

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(h):

a. **CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

	<u>August 15, 2012</u>
CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
<u>Jennifer Balsiger; Contracting Officer</u>	<u>Erie VAMC</u>
NAME AND TITLE	FACILITY

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HIGHER LEVEL APPROVAL (For orders over \$500,000): ☐ REQUIRED ☒ NOT REQUIRED

b. **ONE LEVEL ABOVE CONTRACTING OFFICER:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


SIGNATURE

8-20-2012
DATE

Jaimy Rand; Chief, Contracting
NAME AND TITLE

c. **NETWORK QUALITY/ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE REVIEW:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N/A
SIGNATURE


DATE

NAME AND TITLE

d. **NCM:** I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.


SIGNATURE

8-20-2012
DATE

 Jaimy Rand for NCM; Chief, Contracting
NAME AND TITLE

e. **SAO EAST:** I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of the Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

N/A
Dave Fitzgerald
Director
SAO East

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f. **VHA HCA REVIEW AND APPROVAL (over \$500,000 to \$10 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for restricting consideration of the Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4

N/A

FREDERICK DOWNS, Jr.
Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

DATE

g. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

N/A

JAN R. FRYE
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Acquisition and Logistics
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)

DATE