

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval**

**For**

**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 04, Wilkes-Barre Medical Center
- 2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**  
To purchase an OMNICELL Controlled Substance Manager to help track and record the movement of controlled substances throughout the hospital.
- 3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**  
The system consists of a computer, 3 auxiliary cabinets, a fridge lock, and barcode scanner, Bio-ID reader and smart UPS. The UPS will be used to protect the vulnerable computer components from surges and power disruptions. The computer will contain the software that will do the tracking and inventorying of controlled substances. The auxiliary cabinets will be used to store the controlled substances locked unless opened by BIO-ID or sign in and password. The fridge lock will permit the use of refrigerated controlled substances to be monitored and controlled as well. The Barcode scanner will be used to scan items to verify the correct item is being stocked or destocked from the cabinets. The Bio-ID reader will be used as a secure biometric scanning of fingerprints to allow only employees with access into the cabinets and software.
- 4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - (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):**  
This product is only available through OMNICELL INC. The medical center has made significant investment in the Omnicell Automated Dispensing Cabinet System. This request for the above item is proprietary and will only network with OMNICELL SYSTEMS. There is currently no other provider of a system like this that can network with OMNICELL and create a system of security, electronic record keeping, and tracking of controlled substances.

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

There is only one source of this system. All other systems would be incompatible with OMNICELL, and all benefits and efficiencies needed could not be met.

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

This price is specified in the FSS contract and is offered to all government facilities that would purchase this type of equipment.

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

This equipment is not available from any other source.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

Only Software and Hardware from OMNICELL INC., are compatible with OMNICELL proprietary systems.

**10. 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:**

Will continue to conduct market research to see if additional products become available for future procurements.

**11. 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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Name: Robert Warnagiris  
Title: Administrative Officer, Pharmacy Svc.  
Facility: Wilkes Barre VAMC

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Date 08-28-2018

**12. 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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Amanda Saunders  
Contracting Officer  
NCO 4

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Date

- b. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Dianne Smith  
Division Chief  
NCO 4

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Date