

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Strategic Acquisition Center - Frederick
Department of Veterans Affairs
321 Ballenger Center Drive, Suite 125
Frederick MD 21703
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a modification to Contract Number VA118A-16-P-0031 with Total Automation Group, Inc., 61 Industrial Center Road Trafford, AL 35172, to add emergency repair services to the existing preventative maintenance contract.
3. Description of the Supplies or Services: The VA, Office of Information and Technology (OI&T), Service Delivery and Engineering (SDE), Enterprise Operations (EO) requires corrective and preventative maintenance for B&B Armor Slide Gate components located at the Austin Information Technology Center (AITC) facility at 1615 Woodward Street, Austin, Texas 78741. This modification is to add emergency support services for repairs, modifications, and updates that are outside the normal support included in the existing monthly and semi-annual preventative maintenance, and required to correct issues that cause service disruptions. The period of performance shall coincide with the remaining option periods on the contract; Option Period Two, from November 16, 2017 through November 15, 2018; Option Period Three from November 16, 2018 through November 15, 2019 and Option Period Four from November 16, 2019 through November 15, 2020.
4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C.3304(a)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.302-1 entitled, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements".
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: TAG is the current contractor authorized to perform Preventative Maintenance (PM) contract for exit Gates 17 East and West located at the AITC facility. The gates are B&B ARMR products which are exclusive to B&B ARMR, with Allen Bradley control systems that operate the two gates. TAG currently provides PM and is the only authorized vendor to make repairs to the Allen-Bradley control systems that operate the two gates. Due to the proprietary software and exclusive warranty, TAG is the only authorize vendor to perform PM and repair services. Other vendors may be certified to maintain and/or repair the same gates with other control systems, but TAG is "the exclusive service and maintenance provider for B&B ARMR products which contain the advanced Allen Bradly PLC Control System," (as stated in the attached TAG Service Provider Letter, issued by B&B Roadway Security Solutions/B&B ARMR). As stated above, TAG provides all the monthly and semi-annual preventative maintenance on the gates which includes inspections, adjustments, and replacements of system components; all of which are reported in a Monthly Maintenance Report. Using a different vendor would

void the warranty TAG provides for inspections and repairs under the current maintenance contract (see attached TAG Warranty). Without the ability to maintain, repair or upgrade the gates, AITC would be vulnerable to interruption of service, rendering the AITC unable to provide operations in support of safe and effective egress avenues for the benefit of VA employees and the proper preservation of AITC's secure perimeter.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in section 8 of this justification. This effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. In accordance with FAR 5.301 this justification will be published within 14 days on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website after award pursuant to FAR 6.305(a).

7. Actions to Increase Competition: 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 competed.

8. Market Research: Market research was conducted in March 2018, and July 7, 2018 by searching the General Services Administration (GSA) eLibrary, using search criteria "B&B Armor" who is the manufacturer of the gates within GSA Federal Supply Schedule 03FAC entitled "Facilities Maintenance and Management" and Schedule 56 entitled "Buildings and Building Materials/Industrial Services and Supplies. No vendors were found authorized to supply or service B&B Armor products; therefore, TAG is the sole source option. Based on this market research, it has been determined that TAG is the only authorized vendor and it's in the best interest of the government and beneficial to the government to sole source emergency and repair services to the incumbent TAG who is already familiar with the gates and the VA Facility. Additionally, the manufacturer warranty expresses "Any modification or alteration by anyone other than TAG will render the warranty herein as null and void".

9. Other Facts: None.

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

David Lamb

Engineering Technician

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11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable.

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 \$700,000.00, the certification below required by FAR 6.303-2(b)(12) serves as approval.

Lindi Sylvester

Procuring Contracting Officer

Date: _____

Signature: _____