

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)

For

Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA249-18-AP-4893

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 09, Memphis VA Medical Center (VAMC), 1030 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104-2127. The Network Contracting Office (NCO) 9 is responsible for the proposed contracting action. The identifying purchase request is 614-19-1-069-0001.
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** The Memphis VA Medical Center has a requirement for a contractor to provide software access support services for the GE PACS Centricity System in use at the Memphis VA Medical Center. The Contractor will provide software access support for one year.
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**

The GE PACS Centricity System is highly specialized and complex. The system provides the Department of Veterans Affairs with software access support to effectively provide imaging support to medical personnel in support of diagnosis and prognosis of VA patients.

Competition will not be advantageous to the Government, in recouping costs for the replacement and maintenance services of this highly specialized imaging equipment, without unacceptable delays. GE Medical System can provide 24/7 remote coverage, as well as sending out technical support assistance with the equipment.

Accordingly, GE Medical Systems is the only responsible and fully capable source who can provide the requirements within a timely manner, to avoid any continuity of care delays for our veterans. GE has provided an OEM/sole source letter, which substantiates their proprietary status for the GE PACS Centricity equipment in use at the Memphis VA Medical Center.

- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted. No companies were located that could provide maintenance services.

No companies were found on VIP VetBiz, GSA, FBO or FPDS, and no responses to a Sources Sought 36C24918Q9437 posted FedBizOpps 6/15/2018 closed 6/21/2018, and Intent to Sole Source 36C24918Q9542 posted FedBizOpps 7/24/2018 closed 8/8/2018. GE Centricity PACS software is proprietary to GE Medical Systems. A letter has been provided by GE, to substantiate there are no third-party servicers or resellers.

5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Craig S. Ziegemeier
Contracting Officer

8/15/2018
Date