

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 16, VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care Systems, Biloxi, MS

2237 Transaction Number : 520-12-4-031-0173

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

Medtronic Paceart System HL 7 integration module: ECG module; Conmed cable: takes information from patient monitoring device and integrates with electronic medical records.

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

Paceart system with session sync will allow integration of the pacemaker/AICD clinic with CPRS and Vista imaging, eliminating the need for paper charts, scanning of paper clinic notes and manual data entry of progress notes for each visit. This system allows tracking of all patients in device clinic, to improve patient compliance with clinic follow up, and patient monitoring. This system also allows for better management of OPTIVOL monitoring via remote monitoring for CHF patients to decrease hospitalization rates. The system will improve the quality of care provided in the Pacemaker/AICD clinic as well improve the information available to employees for management of these patients.

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

- ( 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):**

Medtronics system is the system the National ICD Surveillance utilizes. Also, San Francisco is the center that governs the VA decisions regarding AICD/PM care in general and this is the system they use. They are the standard of care in the area.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Contracting issued a Sources Sought Notice on July 9, 2012 with responses due July 18, 2012. Only one response was received and that was from Medtronic.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** If no competition is received, then the Contracting shall attempt to received published price list or pricing from other awarded VA or Government contracts.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** As stated in paragraph 6, a Sources Sought Notice was issued and also attempts were made to contact some other companies that may offer this same type item. Only one response was actually received.

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

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

**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:** When this solicitation is released it will be issued as a Brand Name or Equal whereby if a source is interested, and just hadn't seen or responded to the Sources Sought Notice, they still will be able to submit an offer and the VA will then go into technical evaluations and select the best value.


**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.

  
Stephen Farrow, MD  
Chief, Medical Service  
VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

  
Date

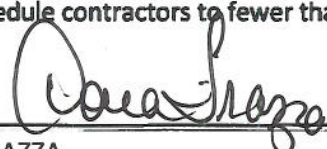
**13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

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

  
MELANIE GRIGSBY  
CONTRACTING OFFICER  
NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 16- BILOXI

  
Date

**b. CHIEF P&C:** 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.

  
DONNA FRAZZA  
CHIEF, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING  
NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 16 - BILOXI

  
DATE