

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 12, Edward Hines VA Hospital.

Justification for other than full and open competition; Purchase Request No. 578-12-3-654-0039.

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** New firm-fixed price contract for the purchase of Spectrum infusion pumps Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Infusion pump equipment and accessories for the Edward Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL.

Product No.	Description	Quantity
35700BAX	Spectrum Pump	10
35724	Spectrum Standard Battery	10
SSL5YR	Spectrum Software License (5 years)	10

Estimated Cost:

Estimated Delivery: September 2012

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):** Standardization of equipment exactly as now used, or is similar in use, is a matter of patient safety and cost effectiveness. If multiple different manufacturers of infusion equipment are in use, clinical staff must be proficient in the use of all different systems. Standardization of this equipment ultimately reduces cost of the acquisition and maintenance.

The Edward Hines VA Hospital's Emergency Department currently uses Spectrum infusion pumps and wishes to purchase additional identical units in the interest of patient safety, staff proficiency, and equipment standardization.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** There is only one source for the requested item(s) and services.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The quoted pricing is at or below market list pricing. This equipment is compatible with existing supplies thereby reducing inventory, maintenance, and training costs.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Searches on the GSA and NAC online product catalogs as well as Google and information provided by the vendor failed to yield any additional sources of this brand name equipment.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None.
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:** None.

