

Other Actions: Once the VA has awarded a bridge PO for this service, the VA will immediately begin the process of seeking open market competition for this requirement in order to seek competition and best value to the government on a base plus option years contract.

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

After review of the past pricing documents and the quotes for the 6 month bridge, this request is within a increase and with the VA pursuing a Base plus Option Year contract, competition and negotiations will afford the opportunity to decrease the contract pricing.

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

GSA and open market searches were conducted pursuant to FAR Part 10 and the required services were not found to be readily available. Once the bridge PO is awarded, the VA will solicit for Capability Statements for offerors capable of providing the software and hardware services.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

In an effort to provide continuing hardware and software service for the medical center's inventory management system to meet the needs of patient care, it is in the best interest of the Government to award a 6 month PO to Information Control in order to provide the essential services until contracting can solicit capability statements from interested offerors capable of providing this service.

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

N/A

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:

The contracting service will immediately begin the process of soliciting for interested offerors by posting via FBO for capability statements in order to promote competition for a base plus option years contract.

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.

(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service, someone with responsibility and accountability)

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Chief, Computer Operations Section

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304 *This part if filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

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