

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Justification and Approval (J&A) For Other Than Full and Open Competition (>SAT)

**Acquisition Plan Action ID:** 36C258-19-AP-1274

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 22G, San Diego VA Medical Center, 664-19-3-5046-0035.
- 2. Description of Action:** Sole Source procurement to Responder Systems Corp., a subsidiary of Ametek for the supplies/services described below.

The procurement of the Rauland R5 Nurse Call System for the replacement of obsolete and unsafe Rauland Responder 4 Nurse Call System with new Responder 5 Nurse Call System in Building 1.

Name of Proposed Contractor:	Responder Systems Corp., a subsidiary of Ametek
Street Address:	16810 Valley View Ave.
City, State, Zip:	La Mirada, CA. 90638
Phone:	562-204-9357

### **3. Description of Supplies or Services:**

The estimated value of the proposed action is \$564,843.00

The procurement of the Rauland R5 Nurse Call System for the replacement of obsolete and unsafe Rauland Responder 4 Nurse Call System with new Responder 5 Nurse Call System in Building 1.

The existing Rauland 4 Responder Nurse Call System in Building 1 will be replaced with the a new Rauland 5 Responder Nurse Call System.

The existing Rauland 4 Responder 4 Nurse Call Nurse Station Console will automatically silence the ventilator alarm when answered with the handset. This presents a significant life safety risk to ventilator patients. It is clinically required to ensure the highest level of safety for our ventilator patients to have the ventilator alarms to be silenced at the room and the existing Rauland Responder 4 System **cannot** be programmed to perform this function. Only the Responder 5 System can be programmed to perform this function. The existing Responder 4 System is obsolete and spare parts are extremely difficult to obtain and the system requires replacement.

Rauland Nurse Call Systems are deployed within each of the facilities that make up the San Diego VAMC. There is a need for a Nurse Call System, as a life safety requirement, which must be satisfied prior to the opening of the new tower for patient care. The nurse call specifications consist of nurse master consoles, patient room stations that incorporate code blue/staff emergency push buttons, bathroom emergency pull cord stations, corridor dome lights, cable and connection to the existing Rauland Network and centralized code blue system. The Rauland software package includes PC Console, Staff Assignment and Reporting. In addition, Rauland Interfaces can be leveraged to encompass seamless integration to other systems, if so required. This is requested to be a sole source purchase in order to maintain workflow uniformity, to ensure minimal staff training and to enable a facility-wide centralized code blue system, thus directly affecting direct patient care. The contractor shall provide all necessary labor, supervision, materials, and equipment to upgrade existing RAULAND system in all designated locations. All work performed will be in accordance with the Industry and Conformance standards, manufacturer's recommendations, applicable safety regulations, and will not void the maintenance warranty.

Rauland Responder R4 and R5 Nurse Call Systems have been installed in the clinical units of the medical center and the ability of the clinical staff to transfer from one clinical unit to another and have the same nurse call system is critical to maintain a high level of patient safety for clinical staff to be able to respond quickly and effectively to an emergency patient call. The standardization of the nurse call system also minimizes the amount of clinical training required by clinical staff transferring to this unit.

#### **4. Authority:**

FAR 13 -- Simplified Acquisition Procedures: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR Part 13.106-1(b)(i); Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available. This action's value is under the threshold set forth by the National defense Authorization act (NDAA) 2018.:

☒ **Only one source** is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized;

☒ **Items peculiar to one manufacturer.** An item peculiar to one manufacturer can be a particular brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer). A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer.

#### **5. Rational/explanation to support cited authority:**

The equipment purchase and installation of the Rauland R5 nurse call platform at the VA San Diego Healthcare System can only be done by Responder Systems Corp. Responder Systems Corp is the licensed distributor and installer of the Responder systems in the area. They are the sole distributor and installed licensed by the nurse call manufacturer, Rauland, for San Diego County. Their technicians have the knowledge and access to parts for the Responder system. The maintenance of this system sometimes requires the use of laptops to diagnose nurse call system issues. This laptop will be used by biomed to service and diagnose other areas of the hospital. Also, the Responder nurse call system will have to directly connect and tie into the central emergency code blue system. This system is critical in responding to patients that have an immediate emergency to their health. Any delays, disruption, or improper connection constitutes can cause serious harm to patient. The Responder nurse call system will directly tie in to the code blue system and will be installed by Responder Systems Corp. Responder Systems Corp. has the knowledge and expertise of the existing code blue system and this integration would be simple without causing any concern for patient care at the facility.

Responder 5 system is solely manufactured and distributed by RAULAND. No other manufacturer and /or distributor can acquire material, parts or provide logistic support but Rauland accredited distributors.

6. 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.

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