

## 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: 36C244-19-AP-3939

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 04, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104. PR #: 642-19-4-583-1364.
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**  
The Philadelphia VA has a new brand name requirement for the provision and installation of a Hill-Rom Real Time Locating System to track staff on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floor patient wards. The estimated value of this procurement action is xxxx.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:**  
The Philadelphia VAMC's existing nurse call system is the Hill Rom NaviCare Nurse Call. All of the facility's alarms are compatible with and routed through the existing nurse call the system. The required system must interface with the existing nurse call server and software that is owned by Hill Rom. The required Real Time Locating System needs to be integrated with the existing nurse call system to function as intended and be compatible with the facility's alarm systems. Only Hill Rom components can be added to the existing system. The Real Time Locating System will allow for improved patient care and safety by alerting staff quickly when there are critical situations within their vicinity that required their response.  
  
Additionally, the medical center's nurse call and related systems are covered under a service contract with Hill Rom for maintenance and repair. Incorporating a different system for this requirement would result in VA having an additional service contract. An additional contract would be administratively burdensome to the Government. The Government would also be responsible for coordinating communications between two vendors with proprietary systems to ensure that the systems interacted as needed.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**  
Both the Contract Specialist and Requester conducted market research. The VetBiz, Veteran Information Pages were searched and resulted in 1 potential SDVSOB source for the requirement. Historical procurements were reviewed which resulted in two potential sources, the manufacturer and one SDVOSB. The items required are available on a Federal Supply Schedule from one vendor. To ensure the Government receives a fair and reasonable price and to promote competition the requirement will be posted to the open market using full and open competition to allow both vendors to submit quotes.

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.*

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