

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

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FAR PART 8.405-6

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C250-19-AP-3694

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, 583 *Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center*, 1481 West 10th Street, Lab #113, Indianapolis, IN 46202 by VA Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10, 260 E. University Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219.
PR# 583-20-1-054-0002.

2. Description of Action: This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple-Award Schedule Program (41 U.S.C. 251 and 40 U.S.C. 501). Blanket Purchase Agreement, base + four years.

Order against: FSS Contract Number: V797P-5279B

Name of Proposed Contractor: Roche Diagnostics Corporation

Street Address: 9115 Hague Road

City, State, Zip: Indianapolis, IN 46250

Phone: 317-521-7996

3. Description of Supplies or Services:

The estimated value of the proposed action is [REDACTED].

This acquisition establishes a BPA purchase for Point of Care (POC) glucose testing materials for seven (7) participating VA Medical Centers within VISN 10 in response to a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive outlining the policies and procedures for the proper management of patients receiving glycemia management. The total estimated value of the acquisition is \$683,100.00 at a payment rate of \$136,620.00 per year.

4. IDENTIFY THE AUTHORITY AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE (see 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A), (B), and (C) or 8.405-6(b)), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)

An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

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; *Specific*

characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

Items peculiar to one manufacturer:

A patent, copyright, or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is: (If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

These are “direct replacements” parts/components for existing equipment.

The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

The use of limited sources procedures for FSS schedules may be used when only one source is capable of responding due to the unique or specialized nature of the work. Roche Diagnostics is the best option currently for the VISN participants because the Roche model , Accu-Chek Inform II, is already in use and fulfills the government needs. Roche can additionally add in the interfacing component into the contractual agreement at an affordable cost to the government. All participating VISN sites currently have Roche meters and connectivity already pre-established. The Accu-Chek meter has been used in VISN 10 since 2000. Changing to another product requires VISN-wide rewriting of procedures, policies, retraining, instrument validation processes, and connectivity re-establishment; all of which takes time and is inefficient causing a negative impact on patient care. This is the best use of government resources to continue with the FSS contract already in place.

5. DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.404(d) TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

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retraining, instrument validation processes, and connectivity re-establishment; all of which takes time and is inefficient causing a negative impact on patient care. This is the best use of government resources to continue with the FSS contract already in place. V797P-5279B was awarded to address the needs of VA medical centers that have a requirement for the reliable pathological testing outlined above. The contract was awarded after extensive market research, competition, legal review, and scrutiny by technical experts. Thus, the choice is technically sound, leverages the Governments buying power and is in the best interest of the Government to use.

6. DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

A search of VetBiz using NAICS Code 334516, manufacturer keyword revealed zero SDVOSB/VOSB. A catalog review of GSA/NAC (V797P-5279B) listings resulted in a schedule contract for the requested items. Roche does not have any SDVOSB authorized distributors.

7. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

N/A (see paragraph 4).

8. A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

N/A (see paragraph 4).

9. 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

