

Service Area Office, East
Department of Veterans Affairs
James E VanZandt VA Medical Center
2907 Pleasant Valley Blvd
Altoona, PA 16602

December 6, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 04, James E VanZandt VA Medical Center
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Sole Source to MEI for the annual software agreement for the card readers.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Need to renew the annual software agreement for the card reader systems in the medical center. This agreement provides MEI unlimited tech support from the software house during normal business hours.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - (X) (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):** MEI designed, installed, and is servicing the entire card reader system. Unless they supply us with this manufacturer's SSA we will not have technical support for working and servicing the system.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Under normal circumstances these types of procurements would be solicited , under the Competition in Contracting Act to provide full and open competition.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Based upon past performance of similar services, the price is considered fair and reasonable.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** searched mandatory sources, SEWP,GSA e-buy

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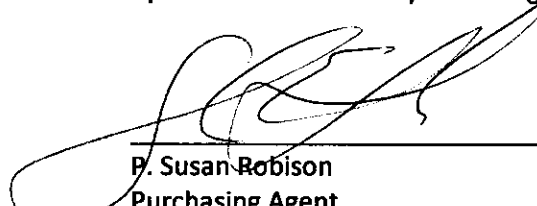
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Without this agreement with MEI, the manufacturer would charge us \$250.00 for each call.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** Market research performed, sources sought, none found.
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:** Under the Competition in Contracting Act will continue to do market research within the mandatory sources to locate vendor to perform the required services.
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.

_____/s/_____
Jessica Barnes
Administrative Officer
James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center

Date

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

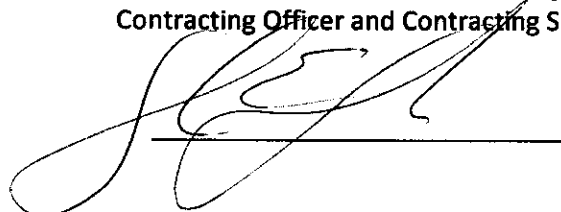
- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



P. Susan Robison
Purchasing Agent
James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center

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- b. **One Level above Contracting Officer:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. *This signature may be the VISN NCM if the Contracting Officer and Contracting Supervisor is the same individual.



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