

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL DOCUMENT
FOR A LIMITED SOURCE AWARD UNDER A FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
260 Industrial Way West
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a firm-fixed price delivery order to be issued under General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Contract Number GS-35F-5370H, with Distributed Solutions, Inc. (DSI) to procure an additional 299 Automated Acquisition Management System (AAMS) ProDoc, ProFund, ProTrac and Advanced Operational Reporting (AOR) software licenses.

3. Description of Supplies or Services: The Office of Acquisition Operations currently utilizes the Electronic Contract Management System (eCMS) software component, AAMS, for contract document generation, milestone tracking, contract file management, and interfacing to the federally mandated E-Gov Integrated Acquisition Environment. The AAMS interface supports posting of announcements, solicitations and awards via the Federal Business Opportunities Page website, reporting of procurement obligations to the Federal Procurement Data System, receipt of vendor information from companies registered in the Central Contractor Registration System, and issuance of solicitations through GSA's eBuy Connect system. The proposed action is to acquire an additional 299 user licenses for AAMS ProDoc, ProFund, ProTrac and AOR. The total estimated price of the proposed action is \$

4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority limiting sources is Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.405-6(b), items peculiar to one manufacturer.

5. Reason for Authority Cited: The proposed source for this action is DSI, 12350 Pinecrest Rd, Reston, VA 20191. Only DSI possesses the expertise and proprietary data necessary to provide the AAMS ProDoc, ProFund, ProTrac and AOR software. DSI is the developer of AAMS and is the sole licensor of AAMS ProDoc, ProTrac, and AOR software. There are no authorized resellers of the AAMS software. It is critical to the mission of OAO that additional licenses are acquired to support the growth in the organization. Failure to obtain the aforementioned licenses will have a significant negative impact on the acquisition work force, prohibiting the acquisition staff from meeting their mission as they would have to manually create acquisition documents and verify the currency of the procurement regulations in all new contracts and orders. This manual process is extremely time-prohibitive and more susceptible to errors, leading to a significant increase in acquisition cycle time which could ultimately delay the providing of key services to our Veterans.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in the market research section of this document. There are no resellers of the AAMS software. There is no competition anticipated for the proposed action.
7. Actions to Increase Competition: This effort will allow VA to obtain the required software while VA continues conducting further market research into verification of its long term requirements, to include consideration of alternative solutions in which the Government would acquire unlimited rights to the software or an entirely new product to support the VA's contracting needs.
8. Market Research: Market research was conducted in June 2011 – October 2012 by evaluating other software applications that perform similar functions. While other companies offer similar software, VA already owns 6000 perpetual licenses for the use of the AAMS software component of eCMS. VA is expanding its' user base, which requires these additional licenses that only DSI can provide.
9. Other Facts: The expansion of the AAMS user base is critical to maintain an agile acquisition workforce and ensure quality and timeliness of the VA's procurement process and could ultimately have deleterious effect on the health and well being of the Veterans as award of contracts vital to the health services and other benefits would almost certainly be delayed.

10. Technical and Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William Eytel

Date: 9/21/2012

Enterprise Acquisition Systems
Service (EAS), Ops and
Maintenance Lead

Signature: _____
William Eytel

11. Determination of Best Value: I hereby determine that action will represent the best value to the Government. GSA has already determined that the prices on the FSS contract are fair and reasonable. Additionally, price discounts will be sought.

Carol G. Newcomb

Date: 10/23/12

Procuring Contracting Officer

Signature: _____

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As this contract action does not exceed \$650,000, the certification below required by FAR 8.405-6(d)(1) serves as approval.

Carol G. Newcomb

Date: 10/23/12

Procuring Contracting Officer

Signature: _____