

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION
ORDERS >\$3,000
FAR PART 8.405-6(g)**

2237 Transaction Number: 520-13-2-055-0004 and 520-13-1-055-0008

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer/Contractor: *EBSCO Publishing*

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: *Alexis LeColst-refer below*

Mfgr/Contractor Address: *10 Estes Street, Ipswich, MA 01938-2106*

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: *800-653-2726 ext 2590*

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

1. AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care

400 Veterans Ave

Biloxi, MS

39531-2410

VISN:

16

2. NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

EBSCO Nursing Reference Center (520-13-2-055-0004): Purchase of initial subscription to EBSCO Nursing Reference Center. The subscription will be utilized by VISN 16 clinicians, healthcare practitioners, and other VISN 16 employees.

EBSCO Publishing Package (520-13-1-055-0008): Renewal of EBSCO Publishing Package Database subscription. The subscription will be utilized by VISN 16 clinicians, healthcare practitioners, and other VISN 16 employees.

3. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

EBSCO Nursing Reference Center: The requirement is to provide online access to the Nursing Reference Center (NCR) database, a comprehensive reference tool designed to provide relevant clinical resources directly at the point-of-care to all nurses and other health care professionals who work at any location in VISN 16. NRC is a true evidence-based, point of care resource for nurses. Information is provided in eleven formats: quick lessons, evidenced-based care sheets, point-of-care drug information, patient education, past practice guidelines, continuing education modules, medical illustrations, medical news, legal cases, research instruments, and point-of-care reference books.

The NCR database subscription should run from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The database must be available online and authenticated by IP address. The Nursing Reference Center databases and linking capabilities are only available via EBSCO Publishing. The overall content offered within these databases represents a unique collection of material not available in this form from other vendors.

EBSCO Publishing Package: VISN 16-wide subscription to a web-based medical information database providing cross-searchable access to the following titles: SocINDEX with full text (Unlimited simultaneous users), Health Source: Consumer Edition (Unlimited simultaneous users), Health Business Elite (Unlimited simultaneous users), Alt-Health Watch (Unlimited simultaneous users), Business Source Corporate (Unlimited simultaneous users), SPORTDiscus with Full-text (4 simultaneous users), CINAHL with Full-text (20 simultaneous users), MEDLINE Complete (Unlimited simultaneous users), Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (Unlimited simultaneous users), and Nursing and Allied Health Collection: Expanded (Unlimited simultaneous users). Database will be available to ten VISN 16 sites allowing all VISN 16 employees access. Authentication will be through IP address validation.

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EBSCO was awarded a contract by the Library of Congress (LC09D7041) which allows all Federal agencies to place orders against. An intent to sole-source was issued to www.fbo.gov and no other responses were received.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

☒ 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.

EBSCO's Nursing Reference Center features and functionalities include searching the database using the standard nursing process ADPIE (Assessment, Diagnosis, Planning, Implementation and Evaluation), an Advanced Search function to include searching other EBSCO databases including those subscribed to by the Library Network Office (LNO), Institutional Branding, and Personalized Department-Specific Folder.

EBSCO's Publishing Package is distinguished from other sources in that titles are non-bundled, allowing the customer to select titles unique and relevant to VISN 16's needs only. The EBSCO Publishing Package provides access to all electronic versions of printed serials subscribed to by VISN 16 Medical Libraries through EBSCO subscription services.

EBSCO Nursing Reference Center is proprietary software and can only be sold by EBSCO Publishing. Only EBSCO's Nursing Reference Center has the unique feature of being able to search other EBSCO databases including those subscribed to by the Library Network Office (LNO) and individual VISN 16 Medical Libraries. No other source has this capability. Use of any other source would make clinicians' and other VISN 16 employees' information searches more cumbersome.

☒ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:

EBSCO Nursing Reference Center is proprietary software and can only be sold by EBSCO Publishing. The content and search engine of EBSCO Nursing Reference Center are produced solely by EBSCO Publishing.

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EBSCO is the only company to provide customers with an integrated service that combines reference databases, subscription management, online journals, books, linking services, and A-Z solutions on a consistent basis. EBSCO is the producer and developer of proprietary reference database products and services accessible through their industry recognized EBSCOhost Web Interface. No other company can provide this combination of databases, full text, and interface and on a consistent basis which is what our clinicians need to serve and provide quality care to our Veterans.

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:

Prices are already established by the Library of Congress Contract LC08R7000 thereby providing the best value. Pricing was also compared to past purchases for these databases.

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

An intent to sole-source notice was posted to www.fbo.gov and no other responses were received. No other source will meet the needs of the Medical Library from the GSA schedule holders and due to there being an already established Government contract by the Library of Congress which is contract LC08R7000 no other market research was performed.

6. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

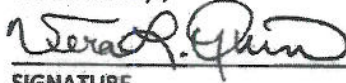
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7. A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

We will continue to search Schedule 76, Category 760 2 Periodicals, Subscription Services, for additional sources of supply for on-line subscriptions such as the above that will satisfy the VA's/VISN 16's requirements.

8. REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide 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.)



Dec. 6, 2012

SIGNATURE

DATE

Vera L. Quin

Acting Chief, Medical Media Service

NAME

TITLE

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

FACILITY

9. APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(h):

a. **CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION** (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

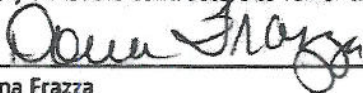


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Melanie Grigsby, Contract Specialist
NCO16, Biloxi, MS

Date

b. **CHIEF P&C**: I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.



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Donna Frazza

CHIEF, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING
NCO16, Biloxi, MS

Date

c. **NCM/PCM**: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



12/17/2012

Aaron Villalpando

Network Contract Manager
Network 16 Contracting Office

Date