

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
1701 Directors Boulevard
Austin, TX 78744

2. This requirement will be accomplished via a new purchase order using Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP). This purchase order will be firm-fixed-price. The type of funds being used are information technology.

3. **Description of Services.**

This acquisition is for a three month effort for Remedy Engineering services. This includes custom coding on the Privacy Security Event Tracking System (PSETS) application. The PSETS is a custom built application with over 700 specialized workflow processes including many integration codes. Specifically, the PSETS is an event tracking application used to manage privacy and security related events through the lifecycle of reporting, monitoring, and resolving events which must be maintained in the existing VA operations for Remedy Engineering services. The PSETS application is used by VA to comply with the Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) reporting requirements, and to provide the Congress with federally mandated reports to include the Data Breach Quarterly Report required by Public Law 109-461, Veterans Benefits, Health Care, and Information Technology Act of 2006. This is a 30-day effort with two 30-day option periods at an estimated value of \$77,059.20 inclusive of options.

4. **Authority Cited.**

The authority for soliciting a single source under SAP is FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i). This section states that the Contracting Officer (CO) may solicit from one source if the CO determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available.

5. **Reason for Authority Cited.**

The proposed source for this action is: New Vision Engineering Group, Inc. (NVEG)
11350 Random Hills Road, Suite 800
Fairfax, VA 22030

NVEG has significant knowledge of the current PSETS application and is currently providing Remedy Engineering services to VA under the current contract that will expire

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on May 6, 2013. NVEG will be able to begin performance the following day of purchase order award.

The Remedy Engineering services must continue to ensure PSETS application remains operational. This is necessary to ensure the Office of Information Technology (OIT) meets its daily operational responsibilities and provides timely responses to Congressional inquiries. Without continued services, the mission is severely hindered and creates unacceptable delays in mission support. Unmitigated risks would be incurred if another contractor was selected to assume these services in this short time frame. Another contractor could not fully comprehend the scope of work or the complexities of the applications. This requirement is urgent due to OIT's looming Congressional mandate, which requires a response to Congress next week.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition.

There is only one responsible source for these services. Efforts made to locate additional sources are described under the "Market Research" paragraph of this document. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. Procurement data does not include any unnecessary requirements that may inhibit competition.

7. Actions to Increase Competition.

To support this recurring need, the Technology Acquisition Center and OIT are currently establishing a new long-term contract, which is expected to be awarded on a competitive basis in June of 2013.

8. Market Research.

Due to the timeframe in which this requirement is needed the Contract Specialist reviewed the market research, dated November 28, 2012, previously conducted in support of the current contract. This market research was conducted by searching the General Services Administration e-Library, Schedule 70 Category (132-99), Introduction of New Information Technology Services and/or Products. Six vendors were found listed under this SIN 132-99; three small businesses and three large businesses. The three small businesses identified were as follows: Birdi & Associates, Inc., John Frassanito & Associates, Inc., and Progressive Concepts. The three large businesses identified are as follows: Jardon & Howard Technologies Inc., Tessada & Associates Inc., and The Kane Company.

VA subject matter experts determined that these vendors did not possess the understanding of the unique custom PSETS application nor the specialized codes necessary. The criticality of understanding the application and specialized codes is paramount to the continued successful performance of the OIT mission. By the nature of being the incumbent contractor, NVEG is the only source that can immediately begin performing and conducting custom coding on the PSETS application. Based upon the

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results of the market research the proposed source NVEG is the only contractor who can meet the requirements described in paragraph three at this time.

9. Interested Sources.

The solicitation covering this procurement will not be synopsisized in the Federal Business Opportunities page pursuant to FAR 5.202(13).

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10. Technical Certification. I certify 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.

Name: Stanley F. Lowe
Title: Chief Information Security Officer

Date:

5/3/2013

Signature: _____

11. Requirements Certification. I certify 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.

Name: Stanley F. Lowe
Title: Chief Information Security Officer

Date:

5/3/2013

Signature: _____

12. Contracting Officer Certification. I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Lateefah S. Parker
Title: Contracting Officer

Date:

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Signature: _____

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