DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition
(Sole Source)
NRM Project #:618-13-102 Construct Mammography Suite

1. **Contracting Activity:**
   NCO 23 Minneapolis
   ATTN: Kathryn Crowthers
   708 S. Third Street, Suite 200E
   Minneapolis, MN 55415

   Purchase Request #618-13-1-6977-0005

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of Mesker steel frames. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   Steel door frames as specified in 08 11 13 of the project specifications.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL PRICE
Door frame	16	$700	$11,200

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Our intent is to install new door frames in the Mammography Suite that match our existing frames. We currently have several thousand doors with associated frames and hinges installed in the hospital. The VA carpenter shop keeps parts in stock for repair and/or replacement of Mesker parts. Doors, frames, and hinges from other manufacturers are not typically interchangeable, so having multiple manufacturers in the hospital will cause significant maintenance time and confusion, as well as requiring extra parts to be kept in stock, including doors themselves. We don't have enough space to store spare doors of all different manufacturer's swings and sizes, and they are an expensive item to have to waste if we do a remodels and cannot reuse doors due to manufacture differences.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Not included.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
Supporting rationale for sole sourcing this equipment:
Minneapolis VA Building Standard
The addition of another repair part that would need to be stocked would not only result in additional costs associated with the repair parts but also require VA labor to contract, order, stock, and inventory the additional repair parts.

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**
Not included. This request is for a brand name item included in the specification for the subject construction project. It is not a stand-alone acquisition.

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:**
Should there be a need for additional requirement compatible with the existing items; a search for the additional vendors will once again be conducted.

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.

Cathie Joyce

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Cathie Joyce
Chief, Projects Section
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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.

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b. **NCM/PCM (Required $3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of LCN Brand Door Closers. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of several new door closers in the Mammography Suite as specified in 08 71 00 of the project specifications.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL COST
Door Closer	8	$200	$1,600

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Our intent is to install new door closers in the Mammography Suite that match our existing closers. We currently have several thousand closers installed in the hospital. The VA carpenter shop keeps parts and extra closers in stock for repair and/or replacement of our existing door closers.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Not included

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
   No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
Supporting rationale for sole sourcing this equipment:
Minneapolis VA Building Standard
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Michael Owen
Facility Contract Manager
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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of Schlage "L" series Mortised Door Locksets. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of locksets on doors in the Mammography Suite as specified in 08 71 00 of the project specifications

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL PRICE
Lockset	12	$800	$9,600

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Our intent is to install new locksets on the new doors in the Mammography Suite that are the same brand and quality as the existing mortised locksets in the medical center and at the medical center out-buildings. The medical center has approximately 3,000 Schlage "L" Series mortised locksets installed in doors at the medical center with another 200-300 installed in doors in the out-buildings. The medical center currently stocks parts and extra locksets for only the Schlage "L" series mortised locks. The medical center locksmith is trained to service these locksets and maintain them in working condition. If a different lockset would be introduced into the medical center it would cause confusion for maintenance staff, contractors and would require the medical center to stock parts for different manufacturers at additional cost to the medical center.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Not included.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of Cutler-Hammer Electrical Distribution Panels. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of three (3) Cutler-Hammer electrical distribution panelboards as specified in 26 24 16 of the project specifications.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL
Distribution Panel	3	$2,800	$8,400
AGGREGATE TOTAL AMOUNT			$8,400

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Our intent is to match the existing electrical distribution panels in the medical center and our out-buildings. The medical center currently has approximately 700 electrical distribution panels and another 100 in the out-buildings that are the Cutler-Hammer brand. The medical center electrical staff stocks parts for the Cutler-Hammer brand. The intent of this sole source is to provide new electrical panels that match our building standard and avoid stocking parts for other brands of electrical distribution panels. Stocking one manufacturer's breakers provides a cost savings due to not having to stock as many brands of electrical breakers. In addition the Cutler-Hammer brand of electrical distribution equipment allows the electrical staff to respond to these electrical panels in an emergency without having to decide which brand of panel needs to be repaired and avoid the electricians from having to locate several brands of parts during emergency repairs. The emergency repair of these panels could result in patient safety during a malfunction if the correct repair parts are not available for installation.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Not included.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
   No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
   Supporting rationale for sole sourcing this equipment:
   Minneapolis VA Building Standard
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    Should there be a need for additional requirement compatible with the existing items, a search for the additional vendors will once again be conducted.

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.

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of disconnect switches for mammogram machines. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of a new disconnect switch for each of two mammography machines as specified in 26 29 21 of the project specifications.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL PRICE
Disconnect Switch	2	$1,200	$2,400

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   The disconnect switch for mammography equipment must work with the provided mammography equipment. Only the disconnect switch manufactured by the mammography equipment vendor will work with that vendor's equipment. If a substitution is attempted, the disconnect will not function properly, which could cause the machine to turn off when it isn't supposed to, not be able to be turned off in an emergency, or not turn off during maintenance, leaving staff unprotected and at risk for electrocution. Different vendors use a variety of different combinations of amps, voltages, and phasing, so the disconnects provided must match exactly.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   The mammography equipment itself was solicited competitively. Maintenance and site preparation considerations such as disconnect switches were evaluated during this selection.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
   No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**
    Not included. This request is for a brand name item included in the specification for the subject construction project. It is not a stand-alone acquisition.

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:**
    Medical equipment will continue to be competitively bid, which will occasionally require specific electrical or mechanical components to be purchased from the same vendor. These maintenance and site preparation costs will continue to be taken into account during the equipment review process to keep the vendors competitive in that regard as well as in the equipment itself.

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.

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b. **<u>NCM/PCM (Required $3K and above)</u>:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Michael Owen
Facility Contract Manager
NCO 23

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of Rauland Responder 4 Nurse Call components. Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of three (3) Rauland Responder 4 Nurse Call components as specified in 27 52 23 of project specifications.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL PRICE
Master Station	1	$2,500	$2,500
Notification Station	4	$1,200	$4,800
TOTAL AGGREGATE COST			$7,300

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**
   All nurse call throughout the facility is Rauland Responder 4. New nurse call components must tie into the existing system, and only Rauland components are compatible. Having multiple nurse call systems within the facility is not cost effective or practical for patient safety. We don't have the correct headend or master stations to work with other nurse call brands. In addition, medical center staff is currently trained in the maintenance and operation of the Rauland system, and spare parts for that system are kept on hand. If other systems are brought into the facility, patient safety will be at risk because the staff may not understand how to respond to multiple systems. Repairs will also take longer.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Not included.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
   No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
   Supporting rationale for sole sourcing this equipment:
   Minneapolis VA Building Standard
   The addition of another repair part that would need to be stocked would not only result in additional costs associated with the repair parts but also require VA labor to contract, order, stock, and inventory the additional repair parts.

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**
    Not included. This request is for a brand name item included in the specification for the subject construction project. It is not a stand-alone acquisition.

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:**
    When the nurse call system is in need of a full upgrade, including the head-end, it will be resolicited as full and open.

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.

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2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of security system components:
   Panduit Cat 5e Orange UTPCH**ORY patch cord
   Panduit CFP1E face plate
   Panduit CJ688TPVL Cat 6 Orange CJ688TPOR network outlet
   Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of security system components in the Mammography Suite as specified in 28 13 00 of the project specifications. This includes a new card reader with all related components, panic buttons and associated wiring, and a new control panel for the area.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL
Faceplates	5	$5	$25
Patch Cords	5	$15	$75
Network Jacks	5	$10	$50
TOTAL AGGREGATE COST			$150

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Panduit cables and faceplates are required for maintenance purposes and labeling consistency. The Panduit patch cords, faceplates, and outlets are required so IT staff can identify which components are which, and what each is supposed to connect to in the IT closet. This is consistent throughout the hospital, so using other types would cause confusion and potential for misconnections, which would be a major risk on a security system.
   The Panduit system was selected because the face plate and outlet are of optimal shape and orientation. Other types have been tried, but they have been more susceptible to damage and harder to work with. IT staff have to frequently access these when they're behind desks or above ceiling tiles, so the specified make and model save a great deal of time and prevent unintentional damage. IT now keeps these components in stock, so bringing in others would cause excess maintenance time and require excessive additional components to be kept in stock.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   Many other types of patch cords, face plates, and network jacks have been tried throughout the hospital as well as researched, but experience has shown that the Panduit components specified are best for our facility. IT staff continue to keep up to date with new products for other companies to watch for new and better products.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

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    Not included. This request is for a brand name item included in the specification for the subject construction project. It is not a stand-alone acquisition.

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:**
    Should there be a need for additional requirement compatible with the existing items, a search for the additional vendors will once again be conducted.

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.

Cathie Joyce

5/6/13

Cathie Joyce
Chief, Projects Section
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

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.

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b. **NCM/PCM (Required $3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Michael Owen
Facility Contract Manager
NCO 23

Date 5/9/13

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition
(Sole Source)
NRM Project #:618-13-102 Construct Mammography Suite

1. **Contracting Activity:**
   NCO 23 Minneapolis
   ATTN: Kathryn Crowthers
   708 S. Third Street, Suite 200E
   Minneapolis, MN 55415

   Purchase Request #618-13-1-6977-0005

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
   Sole source procurement of security system components:
   HC Model RPK40 Card Readers
   Lenel 1300-u control board
   Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new mammography suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
   The project will include the installation of VA standard security features in the Mammography Suite as specified in 28 13 00 of the project specifications. This includes a new card reader with all related components, panic buttons and associated wiring, and a new control panel for the area.

ITEM	QTY	U/P	TOTAL
Card Reader	1	$2,000	$2,000
Master Station	1	$3,000	$3,000
TOTAL AGGREGATE COST			$5,000

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition**: FAR 6.302-1(c). Application for brand name description. Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority:**
   Facility security system is currently Lenel with HD readers and Lenel control boards. Readers must be compatible with Lenel and FIPS compliant. Other card readers are not compatible with these requirements. They have no way of connecting to our power boards or communicating with our system. A functional, communicating security system is a major safety requirement. Lenel zone control boards are also required to connect back to the Lenel system. If any other control board were provided, it would require a new, separate head-end as well as monitoring equipment. Police would not be able to monitor multiple systems and safety would be compromised.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
   The security system was bid competitively when first installed.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
   Items are included in a competitive solicitation for a firm fixed-price construction contract.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
   No equal items are available.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
   Supporting rationale for sole sourcing this equipment:
   Minneapolis VA Building Standard
   The addition of another repair part that would need to be stocked would not only result in additional costs associated with the repair parts but also require VA labor to contract, order, stock, and inventory the additional repair parts.

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