

Attachment A: Request for Limited Sources Memo Format

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$3,000

FAR PART 8.405-6(g)

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 607-13-1-6023-0004

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:** Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: Simplex Grinnell LP

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: 800-992-4992

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 901 Watson Avenue

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: 800-992-4992

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

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Great Lakes Acquisition Center

115 S. 84<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53214

VISN:

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**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

Annual Fire Alarm System Inspection, monitoring and maintenance for the William S. Middleton VA Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, Madison, WI 53705.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

Provide all labor, materials, travel, supervision, tools, test equipment, cleaning materials and facilities

Required for complete maintenance, inspection and monitoring services as required at location.

Services to include annual and semi-annual equipment test determined by NFPA.

**(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$375,000.00

**(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** May 15, 2013

**(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. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)**

☐ 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.

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☒ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is: Proprietary software and computer hardware are currently being utilized on the recently upgraded Fire suppression system. The hardware includes the circuit boards and partitioning circuit boards within the Model 4100 Fire Alarm. The system is currently under warranty which covers all panels, nodes, initiating devices, wiring, software, programming changes, etc. and is due to expire on September 30, 2013.

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☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

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☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

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☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

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☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

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**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

The Department of Veteran's Affairs upgraded the existing system in FY12 at a total cost of \$330,000.  
Due to proprietary software, other vendors are not able to monitor and maintain the system.  
It is in the Government's best interest and best value to use Simplex Grinnell to monitor and maintain the system.

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

Market research was not conducted due to warranty with Simplex Grinnell. Allowing another company to conduct maintenance would void the warranty.

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**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

Due to proprietary software and hardware, other vendors are not able to provide service. With the system currently under warranty, if other vendors were to provide service, the warranty would be voided.

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