

Department of Veterans Affairs
VISN 16
Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Identification of Agency and Contracting Activity

Department of Veterans Affairs
P&LMS/113 LR
4300 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72205

2. Nature/Description of Action

The Q-Matic numbering system is a computerized system used to alert patients that the phlebotomy area is ready to collect a specimen from them. It allows for organization of the patients, to be called in order of number, it allows the employee to know how many patients are waiting to have blood collected, and it allows monitoring of the patients served for quality management purposes.

Description of Supplies/Services

This is a computerized numbering system that will alert a patient in the waiting area when it is time to have blood collected.

Estimated Value: \$36017.41

This is for Transaction # 598-13-3-884-0506

3. Identification of Statutory Authority

- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (1) Only One Responsible Source
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (3) Industrial, Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability or Expert Services
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (4) International Agreement
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (6) National Security
- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (7) Public Interest

4. Rationale in support of citation in Paragraph 4 above.

Description of contractor and or of acquisition action that demonstrates that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited: The Little Rock outpatient laboratory has an existing system that is outdated. With the implementation of the new Windows 7 software, the existing Q-matic software will not be compatible. If the new Windows 7 software is loaded onto the Q-matic computer, it will no longer function and the outpatient laboratory will be forced to manually hand out numbers and figure out a means to alert patients when it time to have their blood drawn.

- a. Efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as practical:
- b. If the Sole Source Exception (c) (1) was chosen, state the date of synopsis or the basis for waivers.

It is very important that statistics are maintained for Joint Commission, College of American Pathologists, and other regulatory agencies. This system is the only one that allows for statistics to be compiled in a manner sufficient to maintain accreditation with the above mentioned accrediting agencies.

- d. If the Urgency Exception was chosen and this J&A was prepared after the procurement action was carried out, state the reasons.

The above acquisition will be negotiated with:

5. Determination of a Fair and Reasonable Cost

The Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated cost to the government will be fair and reasonable because a complete analysis of all costs or a price analysis will be fully utilized prior to award of the contract.

6. A description of the market research conducted (see Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.

7. Additional Support for the use of other than full and open competition:

- a. Explanation of why technical data, specifications, engineering descriptions, statement of work or purchase descriptions suitable for full open and competition have not been developed or are not available:

N/A

- b. When the sole source exception is used in the case of a follow-on acquisition, provide an estimate of the cost that would be duplicated and describe how the estimate was derived if the contract is awarded to other than the incumbent:

N/A

c. When the urgency exception is cited provide the data, estimate of cost or other rationale as to the extent of harm to the government if the contract is not awarded expeditiously:

Sources expressing an interest:

10. Actions, if any, being taken to remove barriers to full and open competition:

11. Delivery Requirements:

Delivery of reagents needs to go directly to 3F, Building 170, North Little Rock, AR

12. Acquisition Plan: An Acquisition Plan () is (X) is not required for this acquisition.

13. IT Approval: IT Approval () is (X) is not required for this acquisition. If it is, include appropriate approvals.

The assertions and recommendations in support of the justification have been prepared by:

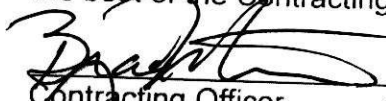
Kim Rose
Technical Representative

6/28/13
Date

501-257-6449
Phone

Contracting Officers Certification

The Contracting Officer has determined that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the Contracting Officer's knowledge and belief.



Contracting Officer Not exceeding \$500K

6/28/13

Date



One Level above Contracting Officer, Exceeding \$500K

8/1/2013

Date

CONCURRED BY:

Head of Contracting Activity Over \$500K not exceeding \$10 Mil
Activity Competition Advocate

Date

CONCURRED BY:

Agency Competition Advocate Over \$10M not exceeding \$50M

Date

CONCURRED BY:

Senior Procurement Executive Over \$50M

Date