

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

(Sole Source)

NRM Project #:618-12-129 Site Prep for Audiology

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs
NCO 23 – Minneapolis
708 S. Third Street, Suite 200E
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Purchase Request #618-13-1-6977-0022

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

Brand name procurement of security system components:

HID Model RP40 Card Readers

Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to construct a new audiology suite at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (VAHCS).

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3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

This includes a new FIPS compliant proximity card reader with all related components and associated wiring. Components and wiring are not sole source, just the reader itself.

Manufacturer- HID

Model- RP40

Quantity-1

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:**

Price will be determined fair and reasonable through competitive proposals received for the construction project.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

No market research was conducted because no other card readers will meet the needs of our facility. Market research was conducted during the initial security system installation. Multiple vendors were researched and given the opportunity to bid. Inquiries have been made to other vendors as to whether or not their systems were compatible, and they were not.

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.



7/2/13

Cathie Joye
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.



Kathryn J. Crowthers
Contracting Officer
NCO 23

7/8/13

Date

- b. **FCM Certification:** 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:**

Brand name procurement of fire alarm system components:

Gamewell/FCI

Items are included in a new firm-fixed price contract to be awarded for NRM construction project to remodel the audiology suite at the Minneapolis VAMC.

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3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

The sole source supplies are VA standard fire alarm features in the construction area. This includes 11 new smoke detectors, 8 strobe lights, and one speaker strobe.

Manufacturer- Gamewell/FCI

Model Numbers/quantities-

Smoke Detector- Velociti Series ASD-PL2F, quantity=11

Speaker Strobe –System Sensor SPSCW, quantity = 1,

Strobe light- System Sensor SCW, quantity=8,

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

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5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

Gamewell/FCI components are required to integrate with existing fire alarm system. This is a listed system in which all components must be from the same manufacturer to function and communicate appropriately. This is a fire code issue.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

The fire alarm 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:**

Price will be determined fair and reasonable through competitive proposals received for the construction project.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

No market research was conducted because no other components will meet the needs of our facility. Market research was conducted during the initial system installation. Multiple vendors were researched and given the opportunity to bid.

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

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
Chief, Projects Section
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

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Date

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Kathryn J. Crowthers
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Date

- b. **FCM (Required \$3K and above):** 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 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 Audiology suite at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (VAHCS).
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3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

Sole source items are heavy duty mortise locksets for doors including cores and cylinder.

Manufacturer- Schlage
Model- L9070, Quantity 1
Model- L9050, Quantity 3,
Model- L9080 electrified lock, Quantity 1,

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 construction area 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. I have not conducted any market research because no other brands of locksets will satisfy the VA parts stocking and repair program.

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

Price will be determined fair and reasonable through competitive proposals received for the construction project.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

No market research was conducted because no other locksets will meet the needs of our facility. The VA locksmith currently maintains the existing locksets. Adding a new brand of lockset would cause additional training for VA staff, maintenance time, and cost to stock parts.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Owen", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Owen
Facility Contract Manager
NCO 23

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Date