

**Justification and Approval  
For Other than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:** This Justification and Approval (J&A) for Other than Full and Open Competition is executed by the Strategic Acquisition Center- Frederick (SAC-F) Frederick, MD, on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

**2. Description of Action:** The St. Cloud VA Medical Center /Pharmacy proposes to negotiate a Brand Name Only, limited competitive solicitation for shipping software, shipping scales and thermal label printers to expand it's current pharmaceutical mailing capabilities to better meet demand.

**3. Description of Supplies or/Services:** Qty. 3, NCI Weight-Tronix 150lb shipping scales, qty 4 Zebra 105 SL thermal label printers, qty 2 additional Clippership software Licenses and qty. 2 Kewill Integrate software licenses. [REDACTED]

**4. Statutory Authority:**

The statutory exception permitting other than full and open competition for this acquisition is: 41USC 253(c)(5), by FAR 6.302-1(c) Only one source and no other Supplies will satisfy Agency Requirements;

**5. Demonstration of Contractor's Unique Qualifications:** This is a brand name justification in support of FAR 11.105, Items Peculiar to One Manufacturer. The Pharmacy already has one complete system in place for shipping Pharmaceuticals. Additional software usage licenses can only be purchased from the software manufacturer as it proprietary in nature. The current system utilizes a Zebra printer and NCI scale. The continued utilization of equipment from these manufacturers will save considerable expense over the cost associated with the acquisition of a different brand which would require an new investment in time and money to maintain and provide technicians with additional training. Continued utilization of these brands also ensures compatibility and standardization of equipment attached to one system.

**6. Description of Efforts to Obtain Competition:** The ordering activity will post the justification along with the Request For Quotation to e-Buy in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(3)).

**7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Prices:**

The Contracting Officer will determine prices to be fair and reasonable prior to award.

**8. Market Research:** Considerable research was conducted via the internet and GSA to determine availability of the equipment and software.

**9. Other Facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition:**  
"None".

## **Certifications**

### **Acquisition Initiator:**


I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance, which are included in this justification and which form a basis for this justification, are complete and accurate.

  
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Program Manager / COR

4 Apr 13  
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Date

### **Contract Specialist Certification**

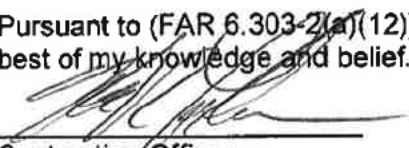
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Contract Specialist  
Jacky Jean-Jacques

7/30/13  
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Date

### **Contracting Officer Certification:**

Pursuant to (FAR 6.303-2(a)(12)), I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Contracting Officer  
Mark R. Lochbaum

7/30/13  
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Date