

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$3,000

FAR PART 8.405-6

2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 578-13-3-969-0215

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: INTERSTATE ELECTRONICS COMPANY

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: WILLIAM R. HOFFMAN 630-789-8700

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 600 JOLIET ROAD; WILLOWBROOK, IL 60527-5657

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: SAME AS ABOVE

☒ 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 South 84th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214

NCO: 12

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

The equipment purchase and installation of the new nurse call system and modification of the paging system in building 128 of Hines VAMC.

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

The current nursing call system is outdated. Hines VAMC needs to replace the existing Jeron nurse call system with the Rauland Responder 5 nurse call system. The nurse call system includes the nurse master consoles, patient room stations that incorporate code blue/staff emergency push buttons, bathroom emergency pull cord stations, corridor dome lights, cable and connection to the existing Rauland Network and centralized code blue system. In addition, material and labor required to connect and rezone audio paging system to the existing I.E.D central paging system located on the first floor in building 200. This addition will include speaker assemblies, control equipment, distribution amplifiers, and system programming to

facilitate zone paging capabilities. This is requested to be a sole source purchase due to its emergent nature and affecting direct patient care. The contractor shall provide all necessary labor, supervision, materials, and equipment to upgrade. All work performed will be in accordance with the Industry and Conformance standards, manufacturer's recommendations, applicable safety regulations, and will not void the maintenance warranty.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$245,583.04

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 08/31/2014

(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.

The equipment purchase and installation of the new nurse call system and modification of the paging system in Building 128 can only be done by Interstate Electronics. The Responder nurse call system is in place throughout the hospital and consistency is needed for training and maintenance purposes. Interstate is the licensed distributor and installer of the Responder systems in the area. Their technicians have the knowledge and access to parts for the Responder system. The maintenance of this system sometimes requires the use of laptops to diagnose nurse call system issues. This laptop will be used by biomed to service and diagnose other areas of the hospital. Also, the Responder nurse call system will have to directly connect and tie into the emergency code blue system. This system is critical in responding to patients that have an immediate emergency to their health. Any delays, disruptions, or improper connections can be fatal and cause serious harm to an individual. The responder nurse call system will directly tie in to the code blue system and will be installed by Interstate. Interstate has the knowledge and expertise of the current code blue system and this integration would be simple without causing any concern for patient care at the facility.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is: (If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

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

☐ 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.

☐ 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.

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

(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:

I certify that the pricing is fair and reasonable based on GSA Contract GS-35F-0478P and GSA has determined that products under a GSA/FSS Contract are fair and reasonable per IAW FAR 8.404(d).k. In addition, VISN 6 has the same requirement for nursing call and patient wandering systems, which they awarded on 06/14/2013 for \$264,177.00. The pricing is higher than the proposed amount for Hines VAMC. Therefore, contracting officer has determined price as fair and reasonable.

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

An sources sought notice was issued on FBO.gov on 06/23/2013 and closed on 07/01/2013 with only Interstate Electronics Company responded.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

NONE

(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

NONE

(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME

TITLE

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

FACILITY

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(d):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

07/25/25

DATE

Trong Nguyen, Contracting Officer

NAME AND TITLE

NCO 12

c. NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE

CHRISTINE HANSEN
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NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 12, GREAT LAKES ACQUISITION