

DETERMINATION OF LIMITATION OF SOURCES

1. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Consolidated Contracting Activity-VISN 21.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

This action limits competition for the acquisition of Endovaginal Probes for the VA Northern CA Health Care System.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES:

The NCHCS Women's Health Clinic requires two (2) endovaginal ultrasound probes, used during female pelvic sonography. Must be compatible with SonoSite M-Turbo machine deployed in VA NCHCS Mather Emergency Department.

Generally, SonoSite is widely known within the healthcare industry to produce high-quality portable ultrasonography systems. We currently have a SonoSite M-Turbo machine deployed in our Emergency Department at Mather. Unfortunately, we do not have any endovaginal probes that fit this machine. Ultrasound probes have proprietary connectivity with the associated machines, such that probes from one vendor (e.g. GE) do not connect with machines from another vendor (e.g. SonoSite). If we need new probes, we must source them from the machine manufacturer.

An alternative would be to purchase used probes on the open market. Probes often become damaged during usage, e.g. if the sono machine runs over the cord. Used probes come with no warranty. New probes are preferable for this reason.

4. AUTHORITY CITED:

FAR 13.106(b)(1), only one source is reasonably available because only one manufacturer's item will meet the Government's needs.

5. REASON FOR AUTHORITY CITED:

The authority cited in paragraph 4 must be used because only one manufacturer's item will meet the Government's needs. Generally, SonoSite is widely known within the healthcare industry to produce high-quality portable ultrasonography systems. We currently have a SonoSite M-Turbo machine deployed in our Emergency Department at Mather.

6. EFFORTS MADE FOR SOLICITING FROM OTHER VENDORS:

This requirement will not be synopsized as it does not meet the threshold in FAR 5.101(a)(1).

7. FAIR AND REASONABLE COST DETERMINATION:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated price will be determined to be fair and reasonable. A Price Negotiation Memorandum (PNM) will detail how the Government has determined that the anticipated costs will be fair and reasonable.

As this item has been determined to be commercial, cost or pricing data will not be required. Pricing techniques such as are described in FAR 15.404-1(b)(2), will be used to establish price fairness and reasonableness.

8. MARKET RESEARCH:

Market research was conducted by searching and reviewing the GSA website, FPDS, and eCMS. It was determined that this product is only available from SonoSite and no other suppliers will satisfy agency requirements.

9. SUPPORTING FACTS:

Any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel. The evidence for this is the "Technical Data to Support a Restricted Competition" in the contract file.

NCHCS will continue not to be able to provide 24/7 point-of-care female ultrasound services in our Mather Emergency Department. Currently, female Vets requiring pelvic sonography may obtain the study in the Radiology Department during normal Radiology hours only. Nights and weekends, she must be transported to another facility (e.g. UC Davis) to obtain the study. Having endovaginal probes in the ED will allow ED providers to conduct basic sonography 24/7, leading to more rapid diagnosis and avoidance of non-VA care costs.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES:

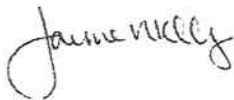
SonoSite Fujifilm
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Bothell, WA 98021

11. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

The justification will be made publicly available at the GPE. Any contractors with a similar product can contract the Contracting Specialist for more information.

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Jaime N. Kelley
Contract Specialist

09/04/2013

Date



Paul Griffin
Contracting Officer

09.06.2013
Date