

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification for Single Source Awards IAW [FAR 13.106-1](#)
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$250K)**

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C263-22-AP-2450

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO23), Iowa City Health Care System (VAICHCS), Facilities Management Engineering Department, Purchase Request Number: 438-22-2-3923-0007
- 2. Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** A new construction project that has a need for a brand-named sole source item – Siemen’s FS-250 System. This is a partial requirement for Project 438-21-100WAG EHRM Infrastructure Upgrades Wagner CBOC-Sioux Falls from which the contractor shall construct a new IT closet. Construction will renovate approximately 270 square feet in order to the requirements of the Cerner project. Cerner is an electronic records management project currently being conducted nationwide. This project includes plumbing, HVAC, fire safety, and electrical work. The specific work associated with Siemen’s FS-250 system is directly related to the fire alarm system including all fire alarm devices, programming, and system updates. The overall construction project will be solicited in a competitive environment as a 100% Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business set-aside and will be awarded as a Firm-Fixed Price contract. The estimated cost for this partial requirement of the project is [REDACTED].
- 3. Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The specified fire alarm system is the only system that can meet the requirements of the Sioux Falls VA Healthcare System (SFVAHCS). The intent is to install the same brand and type of fire alarm system throughout the medical center to provide a system that is compatible with the existing system. The Siemen’s FS-250 System is used throughout the SFVAHCS facility for all fire alarm functions and systems. The medical center has standardized on this system to improve patient and building safety and reduce maintenance and training costs. The current Siemen’s FS-250 System utilizes proprietary technology so other systems are not able to connect to it. The requirement of this project would add devices such as fire alarm devices, smoke detectors, and smoke/fire door closures which must communicate and function with the existing system to prove full fire protection of the facility. Patient, employee, and building safety would be risked if a different fire alarm system was installed as there would be a risk of non-communication between the devices. Lack of a standardized system would impact the facilities ability to maintain fire safety standards.
- 4. Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted prior to selecting this manufacturer as the facilities standard base. This justification is specific to the manufacturer, Siemen. A separate project for a facility-wide fire alarm/control system was competed with Siemen being selected. This partial requirement of this project is a minor extension of the existing system. At this time there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with our existing system; however, if a device or system other

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Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

than Siemen is found to have the capability to communicate and maintain the integrity of the entire system then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known or shown to be available.

- 5. Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Date: 3/1/2022

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