

**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-4630**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 23 (NCO23), 3600 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50310.  
**Requiring Activity:** VA Black Hills Health Care System (VABHHCS), Fort Meade VA Medical Center, Facilities Management Engineering Department, 113 Comanche Road, Fort Meade, SD 57741.  
**VA Purchase Request Form 2237 number:** 568-22-4-9972-0037.
- 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 – Ascom/Telligence Nurse Call System. This is a partial requirement for Project 568-14-110 Renovate and Consolidate Inpatient Functions which the contractor shall renovate the second floor of Building 113 in phases to accommodate the operational needs of the facility. This project will take multi-bedrooms and condense them to the proper single patient beds/ double patient beds. This project will also replace the HVAC in the space to meet new COVID requirements. There will be a new elevator installed on this project and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will be renovated around the elevator to accommodate the change in patient flow. 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 Ascom/Telligence system is the only nurse call system that will meet the requirements of the government. The intent is to install the same nurse call brand and type system that is being used throughout the Fort Meade VA Medical Center. The medical center has standardized on this system in order to improve patient safety, security, and reduce maintenance and training costs. The system utilizes proprietary technology so other systems are not able to connect to it. If a device other than Ascom/Telligence 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 to be available. In addition, little to no additional training efforts of staff will be required for this nurse call system as current staff are trained using the Ascom/Telligence System. This will reduce staff (human) errors by being able to use the exact system that the staff is already knowledgeable of. Lastly, by using the Ascom/Telligence System, there would be no need for additional preventative maintenance contracts with another vendor which would be cost savings to the Government.
- 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 Ascom/Telligence Nurse Call System. This partial requirement of this project is a minor extension of the existing nurse call system at the facility. All new nurse call components must tie into an existing, operational system. Currently, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible and can be interchangeable with the existing nurse call system. If a manufacturer other than Ascom/Telligence is found to have the capability to be connect

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Attachment 1: Single Source Justification for SAP under the SAT

to the existing system and be able to provide exact functionality of the nurse call system, then it will be considered acceptable. None to date is known or shown to be available.

By standardizing the nurse call system at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center, it allows the Government to take advantage of cost savings on training, maintenance and service contracts, and accessories. Should another nurse call system be used it would create duplication of costs for the Government and increased possibility of staff (human) error when working with a secondary nurse call system.

- 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: 6/27/2022

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