U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (OPEN MARKET OR GSA) UNDER $350,000

Sole source acquisitions may be used on a limited basis and only when the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)/Program Official has provided sufficient justification and the Contracting Officer has determined that the circumstances warrant such action. The content for a justification must contain detailed facts and rationale to justify the sole source acquisition. Soliciting from a single source must be done in accordance with FAR 12.102 or 8.401 (GSAR 538.7104-3). At a minimum, the following information must be included:

Identification of Program Office, Contracting Activity, and Proposed Requirement, Justification and Program Office Certification:

A. Program Office:
National Center for Health Statistics
Divison of Health Care Statistics
Hyattsville, Metro IV
Click here to enter text.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

B. Contracting Activity:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Office of Financial Resources
Office of Acquisition Services

C. Identification of Requirement:

1. Nature of Action to be Approved by Contracting Officer:

a. Sole source acquisition of: Development and Implementation of FHIR Infrastructure to Support EHR Data Collection for the National Health Care Surveys for Vachi Info Tech Inc.

OR

b. Competitive acquisition of brand name only items: Click here to enter text.

c. Procurement Request (PR) Number (if available): 98554

2. Proposed Vendor and Estimated Procurement Amount (if available):

a. Proposed Vendor: Vachi Info Tech Inc.

b. Estimated Procurement Amount:

3. Is the requirement on GSA Schedule? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide schedule number: Click here to enter text.

Justification:

1. The justification for this non-competitive action is: ***(NOTE: Must select only ONE of the listed justifications for other than full and open competition and fully support the justification in the following paragraphs. Please delete this note prior to submitting the justification.)***

   ☒ In accordance with FAR 12.102, "only one source is available" in accordance with 41 USC 1901:

   ☐ Only one source available
   ☐ A brand-name product or service being required without allowing "equal" products
   ☒ The need for compatibility with existing systems, equipment, software, licenses, warranties, or support arrangements
   ☐ Unusual urgency
   ☐ Exclusive licensing or proprietary rights
   ☒ Continuity of operations
   ☐ *Other: [briefly describe]*

   ☐ In accordance with GSAM 538.7104-3 as required in FAR 8.401(b) I hereby determine that the circumstances of this acquisition deems only one source reasonably capable of providing this requirement on the basis that:

   ☐ The need is of such unusual urgency that following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays in fulfilling that need;
   ☐ Only one source is capable of providing the products, services, or solution required at the level of quality required because the products, services, or solutions are unique or highly specialized;
   ☐ The order should be issued on a sole source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to an FSS order already issued on a competitive basis;
   ☐ It is necessary to place the order with a particular FSS contractor to satisfy a minimum guarantee established in the FSS BPA; or
   ☐ A law expressly authorizes or requires that the purchase be made from a specified source.
   ☐ *Other: [briefly describe]*

2. Market Research Conducted:

The market research focused on contractors who have previously provided FHIR services to NCHS and CDC, and assessed them based on contractor experience, HEHR platform familiarity, and CIPSEA-related experience. Information was collected through internet research, review of historical contract and performance data, and consultations with program stakeholders.

3. Facts supporting sole source procurement: What can this product/service do that other products/services cannot do? Include description of other products/services considered and why they did not meet the need.

Vachi Info Tech Inc. has unique experience and expertise to full fill the requirements for this performance work statement. Vachi Info Tech Inc. has demonstrated unique expertise and experience in implementing Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) services, particularly for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). Their prior work with NCHS and CDC showcases their capability to handle complex healthcare data interoperability projects, specifically with FHIR services. Vachi Info Tech Inc. has extensive experience working with Enterprise Data Analytics and Visualization (EDAV) and Health Electronic Health Record (HEHR) platform where the FHIR services will be established. Furthermore, Vachi Info Tech Inc. is well-versed in the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) regulations. Their CIPSEA experience is crucial for ensuring compliance with stringent data protection and privacy standards that are specific to statistical agencies such as NCHS. The successful implementation of FHIR services for CDC and NCHS indicates that Vachi Info Techn Inc. possesses specialized knowledge in FHIR standards, including the nuances of FHIR REST Application Programming Interface (API) and FHIR Bulk API. Their expertise ensures that the project will be executed efficiently and effectively, minimizing risks and potential delays. Procuring services from Vachi Info Tech Inc. aligns with our commitment to supporting small businesses. This procurement will contribute to the growth and sustainability of a small business with proven capabilities in the healthcare IT sector. Based on the aforementioned points, Vachi Info Tech Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide the required FHIR capabilities. Their prior experience, specialized knowledge, and compliance expertise make them the ideal choice for this project. Therefore, it is in the best interest of NCHS/CDC to procure these services from Vachi Info Tech Inc. on a sole source basis.

D. Program Office Certification:

I have reviewed this sole source justification and certify the justification is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and adequate to support other than full and open competition.

Center/Institute/Office COR/Program Official Name: Click here to enter text.

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Center/Institute/Office COR/Program Official Signature/Date

E. Contracting Office Certification:

I have fully relied on the information provided herein and hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Contracting Officer Name: Click here to enter text.

Sheena Delaine

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Contracting Officer Signature/Date