DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW RFO 12
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C250-26-AP-3032

1. **Contracting Activity:** The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 10, Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center (CLE VAMC) Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10.

   Transaction: 541-26-3-5796-1744

2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:** Network Contracting Office (NCO) 10 intends to award a new firm-fixed-price, brand-name purchase order for two (2) RBI Futera II copper-fin hot water heaters to provide domestic hot water for the Cleveland VA Medical Center. These units will serve as emergency backup systems to ensure continuous hot water availability in the event of primary system failure, which is critical to hospital operations and patient care.

   ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: $59,360.00

   REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: 30 Days ARO

3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** The requirement is for replacement of existing hot water heaters within an active hospital facility, requiring compatibility with existing mechanical, gas, venting, and plumbing systems. The selected equipment meets the Government's size, capacity, efficiency, and connection requirements necessary to integrate with the current infrastructure without requiring significant system redesign. Due to the urgent need to maintain continuous domestic hot water capability, only equipment that can be installed within the existing configuration and available within the required timeframe can be considered. Alternative products would require modification to existing systems, resulting in unacceptable delays, additional cost, and increased risk to hospital operations and patient care.

4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:** Market research was conducted by the Contracting Officer and the Engineering Service to determine if there were other vendors capable of providing the Hot Water Heater that meet CLE VAMC's specific requirements. The following sources were reviewed:

Market research was not completed due to the procurement being completed under FAR 6.302-2(2)(b)(1), Unusual and Compelling Urgency, due to the immediate need to replace failed/at-risk hot water heaters supporting critical hospital operations, formal market research sources were limited. The requiring activity and Contracting Officer relied on prior procurement knowledge, existing vendor capability, and readily available information to identify a responsible source capable of meeting the Government's requirement within the required timeframe. No additional sources were identified that could meet the urgency and technical requirements.

5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with RFO 12. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

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