

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity:

Veterans' Health Administration (VHA), Program Contracting Activity Central (PCAC)

The proposed procurement is for project # 620-334, "Build Community Living Center at Montrose" located at the Montrose Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), Montrose, NY 10548.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:

This justification is to support the Build Community Living Center at Montrose Minor Construction project at the Montrose VAMC 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose, NY 10548 that will be awarded as a firm-fixed price contract. This justification is for other than full and open competition for the procurement of certain construction materials. The use of a particular brand name for the Information Technology & Audio Equipment items listed below accommodates standardization of these Information Technology & Audio Equipment items throughout the facility.

- a. Server Rack: Vertical 6"X84"X19"
 - i. Manufacturer: Chatsworth Server Rack
- b. Patch Panel:
 - i. Manufacturer: Leviton 69586-C48 - Cat6, 48-Port, 2ru Universal Patch Panel.
Provide With Leviton Extreme Cat 6 Utp Jacks and Ortonics Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks
- c. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii
- d. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii - Model A-906mk2
- e. 2'x2' Lay-In Ceiling Speaker:
 - i. Manufacturer: Valcom Clarity Model S-522b-2
- f. Volume Control Attenuator:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model At100
- g. At-025 Input Module Mute-Receiver:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model L-41s(T) , L41s
- h. Input Module Mute-Send:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model L-41s(T)
- i. Aux Module Control Muting:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model U-13s
- j. Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks:
 - i. Manufacturer:: Ortronics Model 110abc5e100

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

This procurement is to construct the Build Community Living Center at Montrose VAMC 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose, NY 10548. The scope includes everything necessary to construct a functional building that meets the requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are ten

(10) brand name Information Technology & Audio Equipment items listed for which the VA is not able to accept equal or alternate items. The value of the Information Technology & Audio Equipment items is listed below and the VAAR Construction magnitude for the entire project is between \$10,000,000.00 and \$20,000,000.00.

- a. Server Rack: Vertical 6"X84"X19"
 - i. Manufacturer: Chatsworth Server Rack (4 post – EHRM compliant)
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: The Standard Rack is a high quality, cost-effective storage solution for patch panels and network switches that use less floor space than a cabinet or a four-post rack. Built-in attachment points for a ground (earthing) connection.
- b. Patch Panel:
 - i. Manufacturer: Leviton 69586-C48 - Cat6, 48-Port, 2ru Universal Patch Panel. Provide With Leviton Extreme Cat 6 Utp Jacks and Ortonics Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: eXtreme 6+ Universal Patch Panel, 48-Port, 2RU, CAT 6. Cable management bar included. Centralized labeling.
- c. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: paging and music distribution for airport, hospital, and industrial sound systems
- d. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii - Model A-906mk2
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: Modular Mixer/Amplifiers are engineered for high performance with wide frequency response, very low noise and distortion, and excellent output regulation.
- e. 2'x2' Lay-In Ceiling Speaker:
 - i. Manufacturer: Valcom Clarity Model S-522b-2
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: Clarity's Lay-in ceiling speaker
- f. Volume Control Attenuator:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model At100
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: Volume control
- g. At-025 Input Module Mute-Receiver:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model L-41s(T), L41s
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: For Applications Requiring 600-ohm Line Matching. Transformer Isolation (600 ohms) minimizes ground loop problems when connecting remote equipment (greater than 15 feet)
Signal At Input Terminals Activates Both Mute Bus #1 and Mute Bus #2 Buses by Default (cut diode(s) to disconnect individual mute bus)
Connector: removable terminal block

- h. Input Module Mute-Send:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model L-41s(T)
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: Transformer Isolation (600 ohms) minimizes ground loop problems when connecting remote equipment (greater than 15 feet) Signal at Input Terminals Activates Both Mute Bus #1 and Mute Bus #2 Buses by Default (cut diode(s) to disconnect individual mute bus)
- i. Aux Module Control Muting:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model U-13s
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: For unbalanced, line level equipment such as AM/FM tuners, tape decks and CD players. Responds to mute bus activation. Choose from two connector types: dual RCA jacks with passive summing or removable terminal block.
- j. Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks:
 - i. Manufacturer: Ortronics Model 110abc5e100
 - ii. Value: Approximate unit cost [REDACTED]
 - iii. Description: Legrand - Ortronics 110ABC5E100 | Connecting Block / Clarity 5E 100-Pair 110 Block Kit, with legs, is supplied with twenty-110C4 4-pair connecting blocks, four-110C5 connecting blocks and snap-on label designation field.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:

(X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1: 41 USC §253(c)(1)

- () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2.
- () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3.
- () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
- () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5.
- () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6.
- () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7.

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

These items have been standardized throughout the Montrose VAMC 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose, NY 10548. Installing a different manufacturers' system will create significant duplication in cost for the facility, and in most cases the equipment will not function properly. The specific impact for not using the brand name items is listed below:

- a. Server Rack: Vertical 6"X84"X19"
 - i. Manufacturer: Chatsworth Server Rack
 - ii. Impact: Floor plan circulation and service clearance would be negatively affected.
- b. Patch Panel:

- i. Manufacturer: Leviton 69586-C48 - Cat6, 48-Port, 2ru Universal Patch Panel.
Provide With Leviton Extreme Cat 6 Utp Jacks and Ortonics Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks
 - ii. Impact: Would not fit the specified tower sizing appropriately.
- c. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii
 - ii. Impact: Compatibility
- d. Public Address Mix Power Amplifier:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa 900 Series Ii - Model A-906mk2
 - ii. Impact: Compatibility
- e. 2'x2' Lay-In Ceiling Speaker:
 - i. Manufacturer: Valcom Clarity Model S-522b-2
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- f. Volume Control Attenuator:
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 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model L-41s(T)
 - ii. Impact: Compatibility
- i. Aux Module Control Muting:
 - i. Manufacturer: Toa Model U-13s
 - ii. Impact: Compatibility
- j. Clarity 5e 100-Pair 110 Block Kit with Legs, 110c4s and 110c5s Connecting Blocks:
 - i. Manufacturer: Ortonics Model 110abc5e100
 - ii. Impact: Compatibility

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

In accordance with the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA), the components listed above are identified as brand name; however, the overall procurement will be competed as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small-Business (SDVOSB) Set-Aside. This Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition will be posted to Federal Business Opportunities with the solicitation.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:

The design was completed by the Architectural company Triple C - The A&E Group (Triple C). Triple C provided a complete government estimate. The anticipated price to the Government for the items requested to be brand name are based off the equipment placed in the construction documentation.

The items for which brand name approval is being requested are subsequent components to the overall construction project. This procurement will be competed and based on competition; the Contracting Officer will make a determination of fair and reasonable pricing prior to award.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

The market research for the design and equipment was conducted by Triple C to secure prices for the government estimate and was shared with the Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for further review. The Contracting Officer and COR were in concurrence with information provided in the estimate that supported the brand name items. These sources have been identified by Triple C as a result of their contract to design this project. Approval of the items as brand name only is critical for the overall efficiency of the completed project and the facility as a whole.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

New components must be able to tie into an existing and operational system including the use of software. At this time, there are no competing vendors whose products are fully compatible with the existing system being used at Montrose VAMC, 2094 Albany Post Road.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

Not applicable. It is the responsibility of the offerors, and the general contractor awarded the project to locate suppliers and obtain pricing for all materials and components, including the items listed in this justification.

11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:

There will be competition for the overall procurement. It will be the responsibility of the offerors to obtain pricing from the suppliers of the items and to submit a competitive proposal for the project.

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304