

Log # 09-104

Limited Source Justification
For
IBM hardware, Warranties, and Support

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity and specific identification of the document as a "Limited Source Justification".

This is a Limited Source Justification (LSJ) for one U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) acquisition conducted by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) under the authority of the Army ITES-II Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts pursuant to section 16.504 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved.

New order against Army ITES-II IDIQ contract using MHS Procurement funds. Items placed on CHES, award to lower price APPTIS, ITES W91QUZ-07-D-0010

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value).

Procurement of hardware, warranties, and support for training, production-test, and production platforms for the Veterinary Services Systems Management (VSSM) program. The total dollar value is \$286,595.67

4. Identification of the justification rationale and, if applicable, a demonstration of the proposed contractor's unique qualifications the required supply or service.

The VSSM program requires training, production-test, and production platforms, and has chosen the Pentagon as its hosting site. The Pentagon's data center infrastructure is strictly IBM, and requires that all tenant systems procure IBM hardware. As a result, we must procure hardware that meets the Pentagon data center's requirements or we cannot use them as a hosting site. The Pentagon data center has the most robust infrastructure out of the sites we surveyed, and will save significant program lifecycle hosting costs as it's centrally funded.

5. A determination by the Ordering Activity Contracting Officer that the order represents the best value consistent with FAR 8.404(d).

N/A. This requirement is being executed pursuant to FAR 16.5.

6. A description of the market research conducted among schedule holders and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.

After conducting Market Research on this item, it has been determined that that there are other vendors that sell IBM products. USAMITC performs regular market research to ensure access to the scientific, technical, and managerial expertise needed to accomplish the Command's many missions. USAMITC representatives meet with industry representatives, perform internet searches, attend conferences and symposia, and monitor trade publications.

7. Any other facts supporting the justification.

None.

8. A statement of the action, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers that lead to the restricted consideration before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made.

In the event the hosting of these VSSM platforms is moved to another facility with a vendor agnostic infrastructure, future requirements will be offered using fair opportunity for consideration procedures where appropriate.

9. The ordering contracting officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief.

I certify that this justification for the acquisition of VSSM training, production-test and production hardware, warranties, and support is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name/Title: James E. Watkins
Contracting Officer

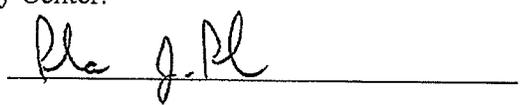
Signature Contracting Officer: 

Date: 10 July 2009

10. Evidence that any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which forma basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by technical or requirements personnel.

I hereby certify that the requirements for the acquisition of VSSM training, production-test and production hardware, warranties, and support are complete and accurate.

Name/Title: Pamela Porch, Project Management Division, US Army Medical Information Technology Center.

Signature: 

Date: 10 Feb 09

Approval

Based on the foregoing justification, I hereby approve the acquisition of VSSM development integration hardware, warranties, and support (IBM) to be procured via ETES-2H Contract with APPTIS Technologies, W91QUZ-07-D-0010. This contract is multiple award, fair opportunity pursuant to the authority of FAR 16.505(b)(1)(i).

JAMES E. WATKINS, Contracting Officer

Signature: James E. Watkins

Date: 10 July 2009