

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION UNDER SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 13.5

Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C260-23-AP-3798/ 36C260-23-AP-3799

1. **Contracting Activity:** Network Contracting Office 20, Department of Veterans Affairs, Portland and Vancouver VAMCs, 648-23-4-5106-0030 / 648-23-4-5106-0031
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This procurement is for the replacement of existing Schneider Electric Power Logic electrical meters (obsolete) with new Schneider Electric Meters that are compatible with – Power Logic SCADA and Power Monitoring Expert (PME).
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Contractor shall provide replacement meters per manufacturer's recommendation as necessary, parts and labor, to maintain SCADA system operational at both the Portland VAMC and Vancouver VAMC. This is a new requirement for replacement of obsolete Schneider Electric meters that are compatible with Power Logic SCADA and Powering Monitoring current systems. Period of Performance: 29 Sept 2023 to 1 Jan 2024. [REDACTED].
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Restricted Competition:**
FAR 13.5 Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items. The statutory authority for applying the Simplified Procedures for Commercial Items of FAR 13.5 is 41 U.S.C. § 1901 and is implemented by FAR 13.106-1(b)(2) for restricting competition on this procurement. **Competition is restricted on this procurement for the reason below:**
 - (X) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements
 - () Unusual and Compelling Urgency
 - () Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services
 - () International Agreement
 - () Authorized or Required by Statute
 - () National Security
 - () Public Interest
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements. This is a brand name requirement for Schneider Electric meters. Schneider Electric meters are only compatible with current major systems: Power Logic SCADA and Powering Monitoring. Power Logic SCADA provides an automatic response for the electrical plant shifting to protect the campus from loss of power from the loss of the utility feeds, and Power Monitoring Expert is used for metering data, trending and reporting (i.e. Joint Commission). Another meter brand may not be used as the meter would fail since its not compatible with current systems. The meter controls and monitors major electrical systems at VA Medical Centers, and a complete loss of power could occur which would shut down the Medical Centers and discontinue veteran patient care.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Vendor must be authorized to sell and install Schneider Electric meter. Requirement is a brand name replacement from Schneider Electric due to the compatibility needed

for current major systems: Power Logic SCADA and Powering Monitoring. The requirement will be competed as full and open with brand name Schneider Electric. Therefore, any authorized dealer may provide a quote, including the manufacturer.

7. **Determination by the CO that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The CO will determine the pricing fair and reasonable based on Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) and competition among authorized vendors/manufacturer. Requirement will be reviewed for technical acceptability.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research, in accordance with FAR Part 10, was conducted by publishing a sources sought. Sources sought was published 18 August 2023 and again 31 August 2023. Based on market research [REDACTED] sources were identified.

Although the requirement is a service, vendor will be required to replace parts. Therefore, Buy American Act applies.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** [REDACTED]
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:** During the construction, remodel or renovation of building that require new electrical systems, Government should consider any proprietary systems and future competition impacts for maintenance/replacement.
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.

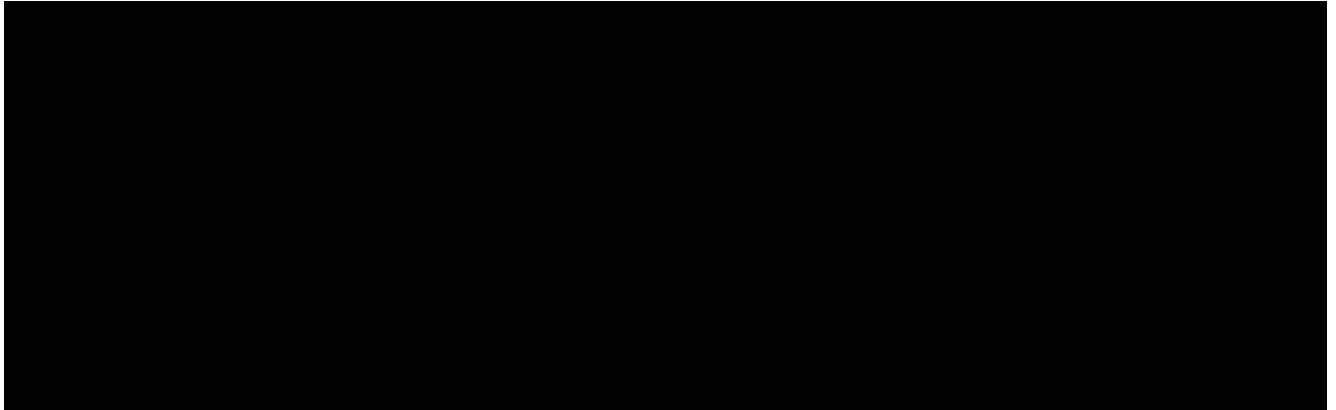
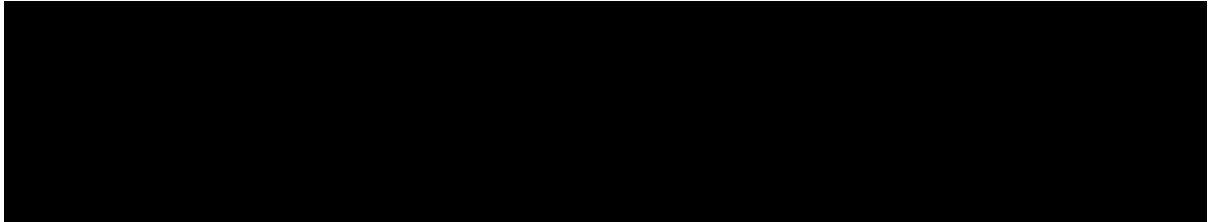
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13. **Approvals in accordance with the [VHAPM Part 806.3 OFOC SOP:](#)**

- a. **Contracting Officer or Designee's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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- b. One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required over SAT but not exceeding \$750K): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



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