

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 23, BHHCS Medical Center
The St. Cloud VA is requesting approval for other than full and open competition regarding special mode transportation services provided. The 2237 number is 656-14-1-212-0002.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
This request comes as a new contract, however we previously had a contract with this company, Care Transportation. That contract ended earlier in 2013. The contract number was VA263-P-0332. We are requesting a Base +3 Option Years contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
The services being requested are special mode transportation services to transport patients. Special mode functions include wheelchair and stretcher transportation capabilities. These services would begin October 1, 2013. The base contract would be for 1 year, with an option year each of the next 3 years. Based on historical information, the cost of the contract is estimated below:
 - FY14 projected cost: \$115,000
 - FY15 projected cost: \$120,000
 - FY16 projected cost: \$125,000
 - FY17 projected cost: \$130,000
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - () (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - () (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
 - (X) (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):**
Public Law 109-461, the Veterans Benefits Healthcare and Information Technology Act of 2006 authorizes the VA to sole source to Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) firms without searching for two or more qualified firms, and in the event no SDVOSB firms are found, then the authority extends to Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB). Research has been conducted to see if any SDVOSB firms existed within the St. Cloud area that could provide special mode transportation for Veterans. Special mode is considered wheelchair and stretcher transportation. Research did not identify any SDVOSB firms

capable of providing the required services; however the incumbent, Care Transportation, is a Veteran Owned Small Business. This firm's past performance has been satisfactory.

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

Research was done via the SBA – Dynamic Small Business Search as well as the Veterans Information Pages database, to identify SDVOSB or VOSB companies that could provide the needed services. None were identified. Past experience identifies only one VOSB firm that is able to offer the services in the necessary time, the incumbent, Care Transportation. In the future we will continue to canvas the market to identify additional SDVOSB or VOSB firms that can perform the needed services so that these requirements may be competed.

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

Based on past performance by this company, (five year contract), rates have changed very little. It is anticipated costs will continue to be considered fair and reasonable as compared to the government estimate.

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

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

Care Transportation is a Veteran Owned, Small Business, they have provided this service at this location for the past five years and their contract has recently expired, so there is a history of working with them. Care Transportation is able to provide the needed services and past performance has been satisfactory.

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

Care Transportation.

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:

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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

Matthews Palmer 8/26/13
Name Matthew Rakow Date
Title Supervisor Eligibility + Patent Registration
Facility St. Cloud VA

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

Christopher J. Esper 8/15/13
Christopher J. Esper Date
Contracting Officer
NCO 23, BHHCS

b. FCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Jonathan Allen 8/15/2013
Jonathan Allen Date
Facility Contract Manager, BHHCS