

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$3,000**

**FAR PART 8.405-6**

**2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 558-13-3-019-0148**

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

**Restricted to the following source:** Provide original manufacturer's name for material or contractor's name for service

Contractor: Chesapeake Health Education Program, Inc. (CHEP)

Contractor POC & phone number: M. James 410-642-1195

Contractor Address: Building 82 H 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Perry Point, MD 21902

☐ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Durham VA Medical Center (VAMC)

Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC)

508 Fulton Street, Durham, NC 27705

VISN 6

**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

The Durham VA Medical Center (VAMC), Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) and Mental Health Services has a need for the development of a learning collaborative "Integrated Care Smoking Cessation for Homeless Veterans," and a study "VAMC Text 2 Quit" that builds off the launch of a new mobile phone service "SmokefreeTXT for Veterans" developed through the collective efforts of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the VA MIRECC.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

Contractor shall provide services to advance clinical skills and implement innovative solutions in mental healthcare treatment options in the areas of smoking cessation for the Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) and the Mental Health Services Line, Durham VAMC, Durham, North Carolina.

**(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$700,000

**(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** 10/01/2013

**(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND COMPLETE)**

☒ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.) Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

This requirement is unique in the wide range of services required for completion on the project. The previous work developing evidence-based treatments using evidence-based implementation techniques are specifically designed for use in the Mental Health Care arena and the proposed contractor for this limited source justification possesses known specialized experience that is unique to this environment and has not been delivered by any other source. Chesapeake Health Education Program has a broad understanding of the requirement and was awarded contracts by the VA to provide educational, technical and logistical services in support of VISN 6 MIRECC funded learning collaborative that provided a focus on implementing evidence-based psychotherapy treatment at VISN 6 AND VISN 21. CHEP has also provided technical and logistical services in support of a VACO funded smoking cessation best practices and dissemination programs, reference PO 558C10890 and 558C10562.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:  
(If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

Chesapeake Health Education Program (CHEP) provides a strong, detailed and well organized understanding of the learning collaborative model as applies to the improvement of healthcare delivery processes and practices. CHEP has a unique understanding of the issues that surround homeless Veterans through their longstanding mission to provide transition housing to homeless Veterans. That knowledge in connection with the expertise that CHEP brings to the table can tackle the basis of this study and provide a noteworthy learning collaborative which is two tiered. Researchers will meet

regularly with the MIRECC Health Staff to discuss implementation, strategies, practical experiences and outcome data to successful implement the results of the VAMC Text 2 Quit Study.

**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

A sources sought issued on eBuy June 17, 2013 revealed four interested contractors, one large business, and three small, it was determined to post the request for quote as a small business set aside on the MOBIS Schedule 874/874 1 and was sent to every small business vendor, approximately 1000 vendors, only one quote was received. The quote was reviewed and it was deemed they could not provide the service requested. The quote did not possess the technical capabilities required to perform the service and the cost was double of the Independent Government Cost Estimate.

**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

CHEP was awarded use of the learning collaborative model to promote the use of evidence based Psychotherapy in Smoking Cessation for Veterans, Solicitation Number VA246-09-RQ-0392.

**(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:**

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