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Attachment 2: Request for Sole Source Memo Format

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Officer (NCO) 21: This is a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for VISN 21, VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA (Procurement Request 662-14-1-061-0002) for Blood and Blood Byproducts.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: This action is for an interim contract to provide a continued source of supply of blood and blood byproducts while NCO 21 completes a procurement for a one year follow on contract with four one year option periods. The contract that this will be replacing is VA261-P-0880 with a period of performance of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2013. The interim contract will be for a period of three months and will include two one-month options. The value of the three month base contract is estimated at [REDACTED]. The first option is estimated at [REDACTED]. The second option is estimated at [REDACTED]. The total value of the interim contract, if all options are exercised, is [REDACTED].

The current contractor is Blood Centers of the Pacific.

The US Food and Drug Administration registers Blood Banks. There are four active, registered blood banks listed in San Francisco. However, only Blood Centers of the Pacific actually supplies all of the blood products required.

Legal (Applicant) Name / Establishment Name	City, State/Zip	EST	Establishment Status
Blood Centers of the Pacific	San Francisco, CA / 94118-4499	2973188	ACTIVE
Blood Centers of the Pacific	San Francisco, CA / 94104	2976096	ACTIVE
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (133A) Blood Bank	San Francisco, CA / 94121	2973749	ACTIVE
UCSF Medical Center Clinical Laboratories	San Francisco, CA / 94143-0100	2970033	ACTIVE

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

The items required are indicated below:

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Leukoc-poor RBC
Red Cells, Washed
Red Cells, Irradiated
Red Cells, Autologous
Red Cells, Thawed
Red Cells, Directed
Fresh Frozen Plasma
Platelet, SD Apheresis
Pooled Cryo
Rhlg
Screening for negative blood per antigen
Irradiate Units
Screening for CMV negative blood
Antibody Identification
Enzyme Panel
Select Cell Panel
Absorption/Elution with Panel
Inhibition/Panel
Chloroquine Treatment
Phenotyping, Genotyping Whole Blood or Red Cell Mass
Plateletpheresis, crossmatched
Screening for historically antigen Negative blood per antigen
Crossmatched Platelet Donor Recruitment
Transportation charge for STAT orders
STAT off hours surcharge
Misc. reference procedures

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;
() (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):**

As is indicated in the Section 3 above, only Blood Centers of the Pacific is registered and capable of supplying the VA requirement.

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

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As a part of the upcoming procurement to replace the existing contracts, a sources sought notice was issued in FedBidOpps.gov on August 5, 2013. No responses were received from organizations that were registered to sell blood and blood products. Facilitating competition is not possible for VA. Only FDA registered blood banks are allowed to provide blood and only the FDA registers blood banks. VA will review the registered blood bank list on the FDA web site prior to initiating new procurements.

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

The anticipated cost will be considered fair and reasonable based upon historical prices paid and inflation rates for the blood supply. The steps that will be taken to ensure the final contract price will be fair and reasonable are also described here. Describe the extent of cost or price analysis anticipated including the requirements for certified cost or pricing data, technical evaluations, and audits (FAR 6.303-2(a)(7)).

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

See Paragraph 6 above. A sources sought notice was issued. Additionally, VA has a number of technical experts who monitor local organizations that may be available to provide blood and blood products.

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

Not applicable. When multi-year replacement contract is awarded, the end result will most likely be the same. Only Blood Centers of the Pacific has the capability to provide blood and blood products to meet the needs of the VA facility in San Francisco.

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

See Section 6

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:**

No actions are to be taken to overcome any barriers to competition due to the reasons stated above.

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.

Howard Leong
Chief Medical Technologist
VA Medical Center, San Francisco

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13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

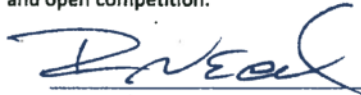
- a. Contracting Officer's Certification (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Patricia Benson
Contracting Officer
NCO 21

9/26/2013
Date

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



Don Neal
Network Contract Manager Designee
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9/26/13
Date