

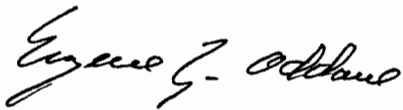
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 6 and the Durham VA Medical Center in Durham North Carolina intend to contract by means other than full and open competition for Purchase Request 558-14-1-309-0002.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This requirement is to facilitate payment of Duke University Medical Center's (DUMC) Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP) tuition expense for VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) physician fellows employed by VA Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) as part of their fellows training. This contract will function as a mechanism to facilitate payment to DUMC. Service was previously provided under contract VA246-P-0296 with DUMC.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This proposed contract is the payment mechanism to reimburse DUMC for CRTP tuition expense for VA paid OAA physician fellows. DUMC does not accept credit card payments therefore this proposed contract will provide ease of continuity in tuition reimbursement. A firm fixed price type contract to DUMC, 200 Main St, Durham, NC is anticipated at an estimated cost of \$107,712.00 for a twelve month base period and three twelve month option periods.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(c)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1(b)(1)(i) "unique supplies or services available from only one source or only one supplier with unique capabilities;

(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):** Durham VAMC supports VA OAA mission of developing a cadre of physicians with health services expertise for the VA healthcare system and to foster the development of high quality health services research and development at local and national levels. All VA OAA fellows are VA-paid employees hired through regular VA hiring procedures. As part of their mentored experience while employed by HSR&D at the Durham VAMC they have the opportunity to apply to, and enroll in, DUMC's CRTP program to gain valuable and specific clinical research training via a didactic and practical training in clinical research. Enrollment in research courses specific to the OAA fellows specialty or area of interest is an important tool in the recruitment of top tier applicants to the OAA postdoctoral program for physicians. HSR&D has partnered with DUMC Division of General Internal Medicine (DGIM) to facilitate tuition payment on behalf of the OAA fellow/CRTP student. This contract is the payment mechanism to reimburse DUMC for CRTP tuition expense for VA paid OAA physician fellows.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Intent to sole source was published to FedBizOpps and no other company expressed an interest.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Pricing is determined fair and reasonable based on historical pricing and the fact that prices are Dukes' standard prices for students.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** No market research was conducted. This proposed contract is solely for the purpose of reimbursing Duke University for the tuition expense of HSR&D OAA fellows.
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:** See Section 6 above.
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:** There is no action available because the OAA postdoctoral physician fellow can enroll in any program that best meets their needs.
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.



EUGENE Z. ODDONE, MD, MHS
Director, HSR&D
VA Medical Center, Durham, NC

04/05/2013

Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. **Contract Specialist:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



DIANE STOSKOPF
Contract Specialist
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 6

8-21-13

Date

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


KENNETH HOOD
Contracting Officer
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 6

8/22/13
Date

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


HATASHA HANLEY
Supervisor Services
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 6

8/23/13
Date