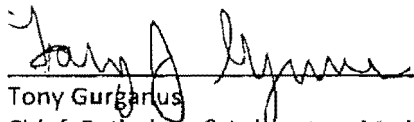


DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 6, for the Asheville VA Medical Center plans to contract by means other than full and open competition in response to procurement request 637-14-1-167-0015.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a request for other than full and open competition for Emergent Testing and Blood Bank Procedures- FY14. A firm fixed price purchase order to Missions Hospital located in Asheville, NC is planned for this purchase.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The Pathology & Laboratory Medicine service line at the Asheville VA Medical Center has a need for services to accommodate laboratory tests that require rapid turnaround time (STAT) and/or where viability of the specimen is time-critical. The estimated cost for the services for FY14 (10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014) is \$42,000.00.
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
 - () (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):** Mission Hospital is the only local hospital that can perform the required laboratory tests *and* is located in very close proximity to the Asheville VA Medical Center. The nature of the required testing and specimen viability severely limits potential medical facilities. The Asheville VAMC needs a facility that can perform tests requiring a rapid turnaround time (STAT) and one that can accommodate tests where the specimen's viability is time-sensitive. Mission Hospital is the only local hospital that can perform the required tests. The next closest hospital is Park Ridge and they do not have the testing resources available. The next closest after that is Pardee, which is more than an hour away and they do not provide the necessary testing required. For this reason, only Mission Hospital can satisfy this requirement.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** An Intent to Sole Source (VA246-13-Q-0028) was posted on FedBizOpps on 10/8/2013. There have been no responses to this notice.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The estimated FY14 cost of the testing is \$42,000.00. This is comparable to the cost in previous years (approximately \$40,000 in FY13). Furthermore, Mission Hospital is a non-profit organization and their pricing has historically been low, and therefore fair and reasonable to the government.


8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** A search of similar procurements was conducted on FedBizOpps. Also an examination was made of the acquisition history for these blood testing services, and experience with the marketplace under previous procurements for these services. And finally, as stated in paragraph 6 above, an Intent to Sole Source notice was posted for this requirement.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** There are no other facts other than those already stated.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, In Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** See paragraph 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 are no actions to be taken to overcome barriers to competition.
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.


Tony Gurganus
Chief, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Asheville VA Medical Center

Oct. 10, 2013
Date

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.


Dori Dabbs
Contracting Officer
VISN 6

10/10/2013
Date

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

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