

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval For Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 8, Miami VA Healthcare Systems, Bruce W. Carter Medical Center requests authorization to proceed with other than full and open competition to acquire services for purchase request 546-14-1-6591-0035.

2. Nature and/or Description of Action Being Processed:

This is a request for other than full and open competition for the procurement and construction services for abating asbestos in the Canteen Store on the first floor of Building 1 in the Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

Proposed award for this procurement is to Unlimited Service Associates, Inc., a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concern.

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

This requirement calls for labor, supervision, equipment, and all other resources required to install a glass wall and automated door closer in the MRI area. The work includes but is not limited to manufacturing/installing eight feet of glass with a door, furnishing and installing storefront automated door closer; bronze color aluminum finish to include push-button an exit/card reader entrance and all necessary electrical requirements according to government specifications or standards at the Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System. The estimated cost of this project is between \$25,000 and the period of performance is 60 calendar days.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:

Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5.

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

Authority under 38 USC 8127-8128 (Sections 502 and 503 of Public Law (P.L.) 109-461), FAR Part 6.302-5(b) (6), and VAAR 819.7007

Sole Source awards to service disabled veterans-owned small business concerns.

- (a) A contracting officer may award contracts to SDVOSB concerns on a sole source basis provided:
 - (1) The anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed \$5 million;
 - (2) The requirement is synopsised in accordance with FAR part 5;
 - (3) The SDVOSB concern has been determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance; and
 - (4) Award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.
- (b) The contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer. A determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required.

The anticipated award amount is below \$25,000. A special notice announcing the contract action was posted to FEDBIZOPPs in November 2013. A separate determination of the contractor's responsibility has been made in accordance with FAR 9. A sole source award is proposed pending negotiation of a fair and reasonable price.

Unlimited service Associates, Inc., is immediately available for the execution of the work. The contractor's past performance on Miami's Veterans Affairs projects has been outstanding with very positive results to the Medical Center and using services involved. The contractor has completed other project at the Miami Veteran Administration Healthcare System such as (1) Repair M.I.C.U. Ductwork in MICU Ward, (2) Replace Loading Docks Levelers at Miami VAMC, and (3) Upgrade T77 and T78 trailers in the Tampa VAMC. The contractor is currently renovating the VCS Starbucks Coffee Area at the Miami VAMC. The CO is recommending an SDVOSB sole source to Unlimited Service Associates, Inc. based on the aforementioned.

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

While there are other contractors in Vetbiz.gov, a determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required per the authorities cited in paragraph 5.

The Contracting Officer has determined that Unlimited Service Associates, Inc., is qualified as a SDVOSB; and will provide superior construction services based on the company's past performance on various projects completed at Miami Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

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

Based on the authorities cited in this justification, a sole source award to subject contractor is proposed pending negotiation of a fair and reasonable price. It is expected negotiations with result in a cost which compares favorably to the independent Government Estimate.

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

The VIP database was queried in accordance with VAAR 810.001, Market Research policy. Unlimited Service Associates, Inc., is listed in the VIP database along with other multiple SDVOSB concerns.

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

Per authorities cited in paragraph 5, the contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer.

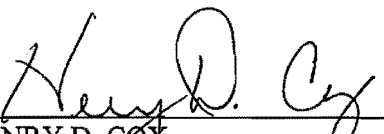
10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition):

Multiple SDVOSBs exist in the VIP database; however, the contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer. A determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required. The CO has determined a sole source award is in the best interest of the VA.


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:

Any future SDVOSB sole source awards in the best interest of the VA will be rotated to other SDVOSB's determined responsible.

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.


HENRY D. COX
Building Foreman

11/19/2013
Date


JOHNNIE JACOBS, JR
Contracting Specialist
Construction Team 1

11-19-2013
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with Public Law 109-461: Veterans First Program

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

EDWARD F. SCHUMAN
Contracting Officer
Construction Team 1 – Supervisor
Miami / NF-SG / Orlando
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11-19-2013

Date