

**JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION
IAW FAR 6.303
VETERANS BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION
SOLE SOURCE**

Upon the basis of the following justification, I hereby approve the issuance of the contractual action described below using other than full and open competition, pursuant to the authority cited herein.

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefit Administration
Chicago VA Regional Office – Contracting Office 563-424-5874
Chicago IL 60612

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

This acquisition is to obtain, by the use of Other than Full and Open Competition a Wired Telecommunications contract at the Chicago VA Regional Office located at 2122 West Taylor Street, Chicago IL 60612.

3. Description of Service and Supplies:

Chicago VA Regional Office is in need of a provider for digital and analog phone and fax service. The service needs to provide for in-coming and out-going phone calls, fax service and a connection with Regional Office located at 2122 West Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612.

Estimated Value: \$120,000.00

4. Statutory Authority:

Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1.

5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above:

AT&T has the experience in providing the required wired telecommunications services for the regional office and has been identified as having the expertise and qualifications necessary to meet this requirement.

6. Description of Market Research:

Market Research was conducted in accordance with the FAR. In an attempt to get GSA pricing for this requirement, RTAS GSA quote was received through AT&T Global Services but it was determined that the current phone numbers for the regional office would not be able to port over and therefore would require an entire new numbering system. The regional office and POC for this procurement was not in favor of this as they said it would be too costly to make this change.

7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable:

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated costs to the Government are fair and reasonable by comparing rates for comparable services from previous awards from other stations in metropolitan areas such as Chicago.

8. Other Supporting Data:

N/A

9. Other interested Sources:

None

10. Future barriers to competition:

Before any additional requirements are awarded, we will search the market and see if there any new sources available to meet our requirements, and could possibly offer a better value to the government.

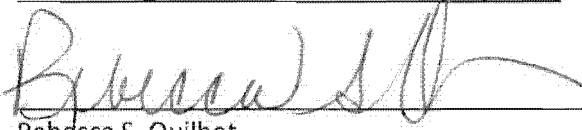
11. Requirements Certification:

I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need for 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.

JOHN A. PLAYER
Supervisory Contract Specialist
VBA Central Area Contracting Team

Date 02/11/2014

12. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)



Rebecca S. Quilhot
Contracting Officer
VBA Central Area Contracting Team

Date 3/7/2014