

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

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs,
NCO 23 Black Hills Contracting Office
113 Comanche Road,
Fort Meade, SD 57741.
Reference: 2237 # 618-14-4-4001-1703 (vendor: Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, vendor code: 52366)
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
A fixed price purchase order will be awarded on a sole source – urgent and compelling basis for the procurement of services required by the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS), One Veterans Drive, Minneapolis, MN for services of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance services to provide transplant testing services in order to provide quality care to eligible beneficiaries.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
The Minneapolis VA Health Care System will periodically send VA patients who are transplant candidates for evaluation to other VA Medical Centers that specialize in transplant operations. The evaluation will include specialized blood compatibility testing of the patient and potential organ or bone marrow donors. These reference VA Medical Centers may then send very specialized blood type testing to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Even though the reference testing is ordered by these reference VA Medical Centers and samples are forwarded to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, it is the responsibility of the MVAHCS to pay for all outpatient testing of the VA patient and potential donors. The type of patient testing and the number of donors checked for compatibility will vary from patient to patient.


*Est. Quantity of 5 patients, per year at \$30,000.00 per patient. Total estimate is \$150,000.00
Dates of Service: 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2014*
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
Per statutory authority 41 USC §253(g) as implemented by FAR 6.302-2 Unusual and Compelling Urgency.
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**
Per VA Policy VHA 2001 – 027, Services are required for emergent direct patient care.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**
No additional sources were solicited for the service. The location for specialized blood type testing is mandated by VACO. Per VA Policy VHA 2001 – 027
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**
Price has been determined fair and reasonable due to past procurements, market research. Price is concurrent with prices paid in recent history.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
Further market research was not conducted due to the emergent need for this testing,

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**
The selected source has historically provided this service.

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** *None.*

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:**
The Minneapolis VA HCS has prepared and submitted a procurement package to NCO23 requesting that the IDIQ contract be established for these services.

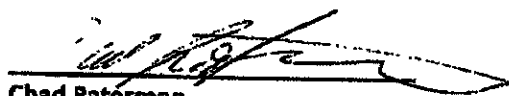
12. **Requirements Certification:** *I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*


Shanna Vagts
Program Analyst/COR
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

6/5/14
Date

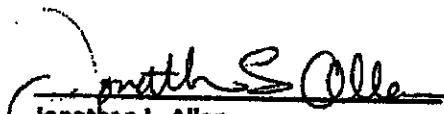
13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

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


Chad Raterman
Contract Officer
NCO 23, Black Hills, SD

4/29/2014
Date

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


Jonathan L. Allen
Contract Manager
NCO 23, Black Hills Contracting Office

4/29/2014
Date