

**LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION**

**ORDER >\$3,000  
FAR PART 8.405-6**

**2237 Transaction # or Vista Equipment Transaction #: 623-14-2-3014-0009**

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. The material or service listed in par. 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules, is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

**Restricted to the following source:** Provide *original manufacturer's* name for material or contractor's name for service. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer/Contractor: Healthcare Partners, Inc.

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: Daniel Matus 770-362-1075

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 1735 North Brown Road, Suite 100, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: N/A

The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

**(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Central AR Veterans Healthcare System  
Medical Sharing Team, Division I  
2200 Ft Roots Dr., Bldg 41, Rm 218  
North Little Rock, AR 72114-1709  
Network Contracting Office 16

**VISN:**

**(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:**

The Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center (JCMVAMC) intend to award a short term contract with Healthcare Partners, Inc. for Emergent Emergency Room and Medical Officer of the Day (ER/MOD) physician service. This short term contract will provide interim services while JCMVAMC works to issue a new solicitation for these services for a base period plus four one year options. This contract is to enable Primary Care/Emergency to maintain uninterrupted care for our Veterans during the acquisition process. Without this contract patient care could be adversely impacted.

**(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:**

JCMVAMC is in need of Emergency Room and Medical Officer of the Day (ER/MOD) physician coverage services. Physician coverage must be provided for ER/MOD as well as a mid-level provider (Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant) during non-business hours.

**(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** \$615,368.00

**(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** July 1, 2014

**(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.**

Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

This requirement is for Emergency Room and Medical Officer of the Day (ER/MOD) physician coverage. The services are needed with no transition, set-up or delay in services to Veterans. This need is currently being filled on contract with Healthcare Partners, A Women Owned Small Business (WOSB), against a FSS Schedule 621I contract. If competitively competed, potential offerors must be able to present physicians and mid-level providers with recent experience in the area(s) in which the provider will be working for the ER/MOD and must be able to pass credentialing. Credentialing and background checks take from three-six weeks for completion and must be completed prior to a provider working on the contract. The transition of these services in a competitive procurement could possibly adversely impact patient care due to the time required for background checks and credentialing and privileging of new providers. The set-up of new providers could possibly delay needed emergency room coverage and services for our veterans.

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An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

The services are needed by July 1, 2014 with no transition, set-up or delay to continue Emergency Room and Medical Officer of the Day physician coverage for the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center. Based on the unique delivery and specialized services needed and the time restraints for continuity of required services necessary in this emergency situation an untimely award could possibly delay needed emergency room coverage and services for our veterans.

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**(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:**

Established pricing in the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) is based on previous procurements of the same requirement through similar solicitations and these services are available on FSS, which has been negotiated.

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**(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market research was conducted in VetBiz, GSA Advantage and GSA eLibrary. Businesses in various Socioeconomic categories were identified that could possibly meet specifications but due to the urgent nature and continuity of required services necessary in this emergent situation, it was determined they would be unable to meet the requirement by the service need date of July 1, 2014. The set-up of new providers could possibly delay needed emergency room coverage and services for our veterans.

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**(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:**

None

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**(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:**

This short term contract is to provide continuity of service with plans to issue a competitive solicitation for a base period plus four one year options. The new requirement is in the procurement process in which an IPT has been established and moving forward with the acquisition.

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**(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4. *(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service or someone with responsibility and accountability.)*

Janet A. Jackson 5/5/2014  
SIGNATURE DATE  
Janet A. Jackson Administrative Service Manager Primary Care  
NAME TITLE SERVICE LINE/SECTION  
Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center  
FACILITY

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(d):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Claudette Barbee 5/5/2014  
CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE DATE  
Claudette Barbee Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System  
CONTRACTING OFFICER FACILITY  
NETWORK CONTRAING OFFICE 16

b. P&C: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Toni Clendenen 5/5/2014  
SIGNATURE DATE  
Toni Clendenen  
CHIEF, MEDICAL SHARING TEAM, DIVISION I  
NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 16

c. NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Aaron Villalpando 8 May 14  
SIGNATURE DATE  
Aaron Villalpando Calvin Ma  
DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTING  
NETWORK CONTRACTING OFFICE 16