

May 28, 2014

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

Upon the basis of the following justification, I, as Contracting Officer, hereby approve the use of other than full and open competition of the proposed contractual action pursuant to the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) and FAR 6.302-2(a)(1) “Only one responsible source and no other services will satisfy agency requirements”.

Identification Number/Order Number VA-791-To be determined

1. Identification of the agency, contracting activity, and specific identification of the document as a justification for other than full and open competition.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, VACO Rehabilitation Services, Polytrauma Program Office, needs continuous contract coverage to prevent interruption of Health Coach services to current patients, on a basis of other than full and open competition. The Denver Acquisition and Logistics Center (DALC) will provide the contracting personnel to issue this award.

2. The nature and/or description of the action being approved, i.e., sole source, limited competition, establishment of a new source, etc.

The sole source action being approved is a to provide Health Coach services to the VA Polytrauma Center at Palo Alto, CA. Services are currently provided under an order with MHa Technical Staffing, Inc. (MHa). The incumbent Health Coaches under that order are providing services to current VA patients. The sole source action is required to continue the services with the current Health Coaches.

MHa Technical Staffing, Inc. is currently under contract with the DALC for services under a one year contract. MHa has proven itself to be employee oriented, outstanding at customer service, and reasonably priced. MHa is a Veteran-owned Small Business (VOSB). The sole source action contemplates adding the Health Coach services to the existing MHa contract because it can be done in a timely manner and it is administratively convenient. MHa is able to provide continuity of service for the VA patients by keeping its existing staff on the program.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency’s needs.

The contract will be firm fixed labor rate with ODCs at actual cost with no markup. The estimated quantity is unknown so BPA/IDIQ contract type is used.

The budget available for the period of September 23, 2014 through September 21, 2015 is \$300,000.

4. The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) and FAR 6.302-2(a)(1) "Only one responsible source and no other services will satisfy agency requirements". A synopsis is not required in accordance with 5.202(a)(2).

5. A statement demonstrating the unique qualifications of the proposed contractor or the nature of the action requiring the use of the authority.

MHa provides the current Health Coach staff that is providing care to the VA patients at the Palo Alto Polytrauma Center. [REDACTED]

6. A description of efforts to ensure that offers were solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable. Include whether or not a FedBizOps announcement was made and what response, if any, was received, or include the exception under FAR 5.202 if not synopsisizing. Describe whether any additional or similar requirements are anticipated in the future (this may not be included as an addendum, but must be in the body of the JOFOC).

The Contracting Officer has elected to use other than competitive procedures. This will assure that Health Coach services are not interrupted.

7. The anticipated dollar value of the proposed acquisition, including options if applicable, and a determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

The anticipated dollar value is \$300,000 for twelve months. [REDACTED]

8. A description of the market research conducted and the results.

Only one source is capable of delivering the required service without interruption of care to the VA patients. For this reason market research was not conducted.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.

None.

10. A listing of any sources that expressed a written interest in the acquisition.

None.

11. A statement of any actions the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition, if subsequent acquisitions are anticipated.

It is not expected that this program will be funded beyond the new contract period of performance.

Certification

Acquisition Initiator/Senior Program Official:

The information contained in this justification for other than full and open competition is certified accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Micaela Cornis-Pop

Date

Contracting Officer:

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date