

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval Emergency Water Cleanup and Restoration

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 06, Beckley Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Beckley, WV.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The Beckley VAMC required soliciting from a single source in order to procure emergency water cleanup and restoration for a water leak that occurred on 30 June 2014. A water main ruptured on the first floor causing structural damage at the rupture site, as well as three to four inches of standing water that flowed through to the basement. The purchase order value for these emergency services is \$155,024.14 and purchase request 517-14-4-6061-1247 was received on 9 July 2014 in the amount of \$250,00. The NAICS Code for this requirement is 561740, Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Services, with a \$14 Million Size Standard. The Product Service Code is S299, Other Housekeeping Services.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** As stated above, on 30 June 2014, Beckley VAMC suffered a water main rupture on the first floor. Beckley VAMC employees were called in after hours and spent approximately fourteen hours onsite in an attempt to mitigate and control the water main rupture and damage. Due to the severity of the leak and damage, Creative Cost Control Corporation, a small business doing business as ServePro (DUNS 011933376) was immediately called in order to begin extracting the standing water and begin the drying process through the utilization of commercial grade air mover axial fans and various types of dehumidifiers.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** Unusual and compelling urgency in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.501(a)(1)(ii) test program for commercial items.
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** ServPro is uniquely qualified company that provides twenty-four hour/seven day response to fire and water emergency events. They have access to commercial grade equipment that allows them to respond to large emergency events such as the one that occurred at the Beckley VAMC facility on 30 June 2014. Additionally, once the initial leak and water damage has been contained, ServPro utilizes specialized equipment such as moisture meters, thermal imaging cameras, and a vapor deodorizing system and disinfectant to detect hidden moisture and prevent mold.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Due to the urgent and compelling nature of the leak, only ServPro was contacted for the initial mitigation and restoration of the water leak. However, ServPro only removed the water, dried and dehumidified as well as cleaned and sanitized the affected areas. All repairs as a result of this damage will be procured at a later date in order to promote full and open competition.

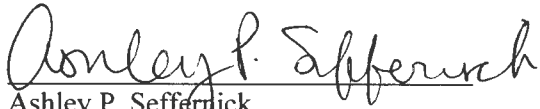
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Price to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** ServPro's price of \$155,024.14 is fair and reasonable in accordance with FAR 13.106-3(a)(2)(vi), comparison to an independent Government Estimate. The first business day following the water main rupture, Joseph Peplowski, a Beckley VAMC Engineering Technician, prepared an Independent Government Estimate (IGE) in the amount of \$199,200 (see attached). ServPro's total price of \$155,024.14 is less than the IGE. Additionally, ServPro did not charge the Government an overtime rate, though considerable overtime was utilized for this requirement.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Due to the remote location of Beckley VAMC, there are only two possible companies, ServPro and Stanley Steemer, which provide emergency services for water cleanup. A quick internet search by the Facility Engineering Department determined that Stanley Steemer mainly specializes in residential water cleanup and restoration and is not equipped to handle large scale commercial water emergencies such as the one that occurred at Beckley VAMC on 30 June. Utilizing their best judgment, the Beckley Facility Engineering Department determined that ServPro was the only local company that could immediately respond to this urgent and compelling requirement.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None.
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:** As stated in section 6 above, ServPro only performed water removal and restoration services. All future demo and reconstruction to the first floor and basement shall be procured utilizing maximum competition procedures.
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.

Joseph Peplowski
Name
Title Acting Eng Tech Supervisor
Facility 517, Beckley

8/28/2014
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR13.501(a)((1)(ii).

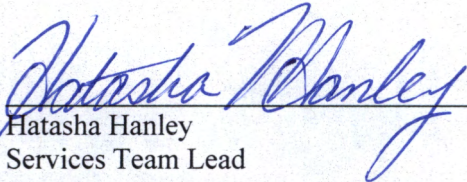
- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Ashley P. Seffernick
Contracting Officer
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 6 – SAO East

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



Hatasha Hanley
Services Team Lead
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- c. **Quality Assurance:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



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