

## **STATEMENT OF WORK**

### **Consulting Veterinary**

#### **1. GENERAL**

Service Contract for continuation of the program of Consulting Veterinary Medical Care, veterinarian, to the Bay Pines VAHCS, Research and Development Service, October 1, 2014 through September 2015.

#### **2. REQUIREMENTS**

Preventative medical aspects of this program are in accordance with good veterinary practices and include consideration of potential zoonotic disease prevention measures, and consist a program in accordance with the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals", the Animal Welfare Regulations Title 9 CFR Subchapter A "Animal Welfare", the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and VHA Handbook 1200.07. This written program for veterinarian care is reviewed annually and updated when necessary.

#### **3. HOURS OF SERVICE:**

Services include 24 hours, 7 days a week access for assistance with animal care technicians and membership on the Animal Studies Subcommittee (IACUC).

**4. TYPE OF CONTRACT:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to issue a firm fixed-price requirements contract to provide commercial services to implement. The selected Contractor will have a favorable record of past performance in providing the services described in the Statement of Work (SOW), and be familiar with the legal requirements related to the services.

**5. TERM OF CONTRACT:** This contract is effective from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The contract is subject to availability of VA funds. No services shall be performed by the contractor after September 30 of each year until the Contracting officer authorizes such services in writing.

**6. SERVICES:** The services specified herein may be changed by written modification to this contract in accordance with the Changes Clause found elsewhere in this contract. The modification will be prepared by the VA Contracting Officer and, prior to beginning effective, shall be approved by the Contractor.

The Contractor shall be responsible for protecting the personnel furnishing the services under this contract. To carry out this responsibility, the Contractor shall provide the following for these personnel as a minimum; workers compensation, income tax withholding, and social security payments. The parties agree that contractor personnel shall not be considered DVA employees for any purpose and shall be considered employees of the Contractor.

**7. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA:** The Contracting Officer is the only person authorized to approve changes or modify any of the requirements under this contract. The Contractor shall communicate with the Contracting officer on all matters pertaining to contract administration. Only the Contracting Officer is authorized to make commitments or issue changes, which will affect price quantity, or quality of performance of this contract. In the event the contractor effects any such change at the direction of any person other than the Contracting Officer, the change shall be considered to have been made without authority and no adjustment will be made in contract price to cover any increase in costs incurred as a result thereof.

**8. SOLICITATION:** The solicitation adheres to the format defined in FAR 12.303 for the acquisition of commercial services.

**9. PAYMENT:** The Contractor will invoice Customer, and Customer agrees to pay the agreed upon annual fee. Payment is due 30 days from the date of the invoice. The Contractor will invoice separately for any one-time fee and charges for service, including emergency services requested by the Customer outside of the regular service hours not covered under regular preventative services or not covered by this Agreement.