

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

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 15, St Louis VAMC, John Cochran, 915 N Grand Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63106-1621.

The St. Louis VA Medical Center Facilities Engineering Service has requested an emergency Indefinite-Delivery contract for Wheelchair Van Transportation. The emergency 2237 Purchase request number is 657-14-4-1106-0384.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:

Wheelchair Van Transportation for eligible beneficiaries of the VA Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri: John Cochran Division (JC), 915 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106 and Jefferson Barracks Division (JB), #1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

The St. Louis VA Medical Center is requesting to establish a service Indefinite-Delivery Contract for Wheelchair Van Transportation for eligible beneficiaries.

Contractor shall furnish assisted wheelchair van transportation for eligible beneficiaries of the VA Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri (herein after referred to as VAMC). The VAMC St. Louis has two divisions located as follows: John Cochran Division (JC), 915 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106 and Jefferson Barracks Division (JB), #1 Jefferson Barracks Drive, St. Louis, MO 63125. Services shall be provided in accordance with all terms, conditions, provisions and the schedule of this solicitation. The primary intent of this contract is for prearranged non-emergency transportation.

Due to the short time frame the request is for a one year contract. Total estimated cost for these services is \$256,094.25.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:

- () (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
(X) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
() (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
() (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4;
() (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
() (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
() (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):

Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2; due to the Termination for Cause of the current contract (VA255-P-1771) and the critical nature of the service requested, the requested service will not

be competed. EXPRESS MEDICAL TRANSPORTERS, INC. is currently performing Veteran's Taxi Transportation Services (VA255-13-C-0189) for the requesting VA Medical Center and is equipped to perform the Wheelchair Van Transportation service requested immediately with no hardships to the Veterans needing the service or the VA Medical Center.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

Unusual and Compelling Urgency: 10 USC 2304(c) (2). Delay in award of a contract would negatively affect Veterans Care and could result in financial injury to the Government.

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7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:

The estimated amount of this acquisition is \$256,094.25. In accordance with FAR Subpart 15.404-1(b) the following price analysis techniques and procedures will be utilized to ensure a fair and reasonable price.

- a. Comparison of previously proposed prices and previous Government and commercial contract prices for the same or similar service. The cost for previous Government purchases for the same service, based on the contract (VA255-P-1771) option year III that has been terminated was \$545,951.20.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

The current contract (VA255-P-1771) with, BASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES L.L.C., was terminated for cause. The service under the terminated contract is vital to the VA Medical Center and must not be interrupted. Express Medical Transporters, Inc. can begin performance immediately without any break in service to the eligible beneficiaries of the VA Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri. The NAICS code for these items is 485991 (Special Needs Transportation). The estimated cost is for the base year is \$256,094.25.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

This contract is being terminated for cause as a result of Bass Transportation's failure to perform services at the request of the Government, which is a failure to comply with the terms of its contract (VA255-P-1771) with the VA.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

See Section VI above.

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

Based upon the short suspense and facts above, the requested service will be a sole source award to Express Medical Transporters, Inc. for a one year Indefinite-Delivery Contract. The procurement for follow on services will begin immediately in order to seek proper competition of the complex and vital service needed by the STL VAMC.

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.

Name  Date 9/15/14
Fabian Grabski
Chief, Engineer
St. Louis VA Medical Center

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.

Name _____ Date _____
Frank Novello
Contract Specialist, Network 15 Contracting Office

- b. NCM/PCM: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Name _____ Date _____
CHRISTINE L. SCENA
Director of Contracting, Network Contracting Office 15