

Is this a new requirement?

Response – No, the courier services are currently being performed.

If not (a new requirement), is the scope the same as the prior requirement.

Response – The scope of the services (Performance Work Statement, Paragraph 1.3), is relatively the same as the current and prior requirement. The previous scope included the Tyler VA Primary Care Clinic; however, with the upcoming addition of another VA Outpatient clinic in Tyler (February – March 2015), the current scope includes both VA locations in Tyler, TX.

If not (the same scope), what was added to the current requirement that is posted via Fedbiz Ops?

Response – The previous requirement was based on a Statement of Work. The requirement posted on FBO is solicited with a Performance Work Statement; which includes, Contractor Quality Control requirements, performance requirements, and surveillance requirement standards that were not included in the Statement of Work scope for the incumbent Contractor.

Is there an incumbent in place?

Response – Yes, the courier services are currently being performed.

Who is the current company that is providing the service?

Response – R.L. McDonald, LLC  
DUNS: 828800669

What was the prior contact award amount?

- Response – Synopsis of the contract award is/was not required in accordance with FAR 5.301(b)(6); an amount not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (\$150,000.00).

What was the contract award amount for the base plus four options?

- Response – Synopsis of the contract award is/was not required in accordance with FAR 5.301(b)(6); an amount not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (\$150,000.00).

Was (Is?) the period of performance the same as the prior requirement?

- Response – The previous contract was a base year and four option years.

What was the contract award amount for the base year?

- Response – the incumbent Contractor does not want his prices/costs publicized. This information is exempt from disclosure per FOIA exemption 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3).

What was the value of last year's contract?

- Response – the incumbent Contractor does not want his prices/costs publicized. This information is exempt from disclosure per FOIA exemption 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3).

When is the anticipated award date?

- Response – the anticipated award date is for a December 1, 2015 effective (start) date.

Contractor Qualifications: The Performance Work Statement, 2(a), states the Contractor must have a Texas license. I am an out of State SDVOSB; why should the Texas State license apply to my business?

- Response – the verbiage of the Performance Work Statement has been changed. Please note that the solicitation includes, and the contract will include, a clause for limitations on subcontracting.

I see that the route starts in Tyler, with an additional pick up on Tyler, and then the pickup/deliver in Dallas. The SOW states that when we pick up from Dallas, we will be delivering the packages the next day back to Tyler. Can you give me an example of what will be in that delivery? Blood, specimen, etc.; or will it just be a “hard delivery” such as X-ray and such?

- Response – There should be no specimen shipments from the Dallas VA Medical Center to the Tyler VA facilities. The items most likely to be transported from Dallas to Tyler are items b, c, d and e, as described in paragraph 3 in the Performance Work Statement.

Can you provide the address of the “hot shot” delivery’s?

- Response – There are no set addresses for "hot shot" delivery services. The services will be requested for "other" locations within the Tyler, Texas municipality. The “hot shot” deliveries for Dallas will be limited to other delivery locations on the Dallas VA Medical Center campus that are not described in the Performance Work Statement (example: Public Affairs Office). The verbiage in the Performance Work Statement, 4(f) and 4(g), has been revised.

Are you considering the Tyler VA OPC being as an add-on to the Tyler CBOC run and calling it a hot shot or will the hot shots be run by themselves?

- Response – Both Tyler VA facilities are considered to be in the scope of the requirement. Pick-up and deliveries for the new Tyler VA facility may not become regular until after its opening in 2015.

If the hotshots are to be run by themselves, what is the time frame for pick-up?

- Response – The pick-up time for hot shot deliveries is within two (2) hours of the request (Performance Work Statement 4(f)). Please note that the request for the hot shot service will be placed by email to the Contractor.

Regarding PWS Para 6; Page 7 of 10...

The government requested unscheduled services...can the government provide historical information regarding the number of times unscheduled services were requested?

- Response – there have been no hot shot delivery requests during fiscal year 2013 or 2014.

How does the Contractor estimate unscheduled services?

- Response – The term “unscheduled” in paragraph 6 is in reference to the hot shot delivery requests described in paragraph 4(f); unscheduled delivery requests for shipments going to other locations in Tyler, Texas. The verbiage for paragraphs 4(f) and 4(g) in the Performance Work Statement has been revised to include the hours the request can be made. The Tyler VA Primary Care Clinic hours of operation cease at 4:30PM; so, the latest a hot shot delivery request can be made is 2:25 PM (in order to allow a two (2) hour pick-up time before closing). In a “worst case scenario” for a Tyler area hot shot service request, a courier could be dispatched at 8:00AM, required to pick-up the shipment item(s) before 10:00AM, and must deliver the shipment before 11:00AM. If the same carrier is to perform the regular services for the item(s) picked-up between 2:00PM – 3:00PM from the Tyler VA facilities for the service route going to the Dallas VA Medical Center, he/she may be idle in Tyler for over three (3) hours. The Contractor must provide a quote for line item 0002 and the corresponding option year line items to be considered.

Will the government consider a CPFF CLIN for “unscheduled services” since there is not historical information in the PWS?

- Response – No. The Contractor must estimate and provide a quote for line item 0002 and the corresponding option year line items to be considered.

I'm new to the process and preparing to submit for the contract. I wanted to know how / when is payment disburse for a contract such as this. I've tried to find the information online and have been unsuccessful. Any answers or direction would be greatly appreciated.

- Response – Information for submitting invoices is located in Performance Work Statement, paragraph 1.13. The VIS website has a training link that shows users how invoices can be submitted. Invoices are to be submitted monthly, in arrears from the start of the month being invoiced for. The government payment terms are NET 30, which is 30 days after the submission and acceptance of the invoice. Payments for invoices can be faster if the Contractor chooses to submit invoices using discount terms (i.e., 2%, NET 10); however, acceptance of the discount terms is at the discretion of the VA FSC.

Will you be able to push the due date back on this from 11/21 to sometime early next week?

- Response – No. With the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and an anticipated contract start date of December 1, there is not enough time to extend the solicitation. No questions were received during the solicitation that required a change to the scope of the courier services requirement.