

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

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 16, Station 520, VA Gulf Coast Health Care System Medical Center, justification for other than full and open competition, to make certain required construction improvements to the Mobile MRI trailer entrance.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: Provide the construction effort of enclosing the covered ramp to the new Mobile MRI trailer located at the rear loading dock of Building 3.

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

The services required to best serve patients entering the MRI during periods of inclement weather requires the facility to construct walls along each side of the ramp that connects the rear loading dock of Building 3 into the Mobile MRI trailer. Other associated work with enclosing the ramp includes interior lighting, fire sprinkler system, concrete landing and sidewalk.

Approximate total cost: \$99,500

Period of performance: 60 calendar days

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;
- () (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
- (X) (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): APG Construction is the contractor that erected the steel framed ramp and metal canopy structure that is to be enclosed in this effort. APG has the specific knowledge of the structural characteristics and capabilities of the ramp as well as the overhead canopy and is therefore the best candidate to do the work of constructing a wall system that will enclose the ramp and function with the metal canopy.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: APG Construction has the knowledge, experience and full understanding of the

ramp construction and has all the essential resources needed to successfully enclose the ramp to the Mobile MRI trailer and therefore no other sources were checked as it is an understood principle that construction contractors do not care to complete work initiated and completed by another contractor due in part to warranty issues, standards of work issues, and for liability purposes/issues.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: APG Construction has a unique understanding of the ramp structure and because of their familiarity of this structure can most effectively carry out the construction of enclosing the ramp. Review of the costs for similar type work on a time and materials basis is fair and reasonable given the complexity of the work, stringent certifications required of the contractor doing this work, and the time required to complete this effort. Furthermore, APG Construction has completed numerous projects at this facility and a review of their cost for this effort is anticipated to be consistent with other project's recently completed. The undersigned contracting officer will also compare the price proposal from APG Construction against the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) which was developed using RS Means Cost Works and pricing reviewed from other similar work accomplished in the past 12 months.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted : APG Construction has installed the ramp that is to be enclosed and have interior lighting, a fire sprinkler system, and a concrete landing and sidewalk installed. As such, this is a natural follow-on project best suited for the original construction contractor to complete.

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: Due to the unique situation of this effort, no other sources were checked. APG Construction has all essential resources, required certifications and the experience of constructing the ramp to be enclosed in this effort. In the future, customers will be pressed even harder to adequately relay their entire requirements at the beginning of the project instead of once the majority of the project has already been completed. Every effort will be made to preclude this type of situation from happening so that all construction efforts of this nature can be completed.

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.

Jay Tripp
Chief Engineer
520 VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System

February 26, 2015

Date

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.

WILLIAM A. GEARY
CONTRACTING OFFICER
NCO 16 - BILOXI
Biloxi VAMC

Date

b. CHIEF P&C: I certify the justification meets requirements for restricting consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

ALBERTINE HONORE'
Chief, Division 2 Construction
NCO 16 – Biloxi
Biloxi VAMC

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