

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A) For Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, Network 23 Contracting Office (NCO 23) – Sioux Falls, 2501 W. 22nd Street, Sioux Falls SD 57105; 636-15-3-2096-0043.
- 2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This procurement is for a Firm Fixed Price (FFP), Indefinite Quantity Contract (IDC) to Omaha Ambulance Service Inc, for Non-emergency ALS/BLS Ground Ambulance Service for the Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System, Omaha VAHCS in accordance with FAR 13.5 Test Program for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where acquisitions conducted under Simplified Acquisition Procedures are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2.
- 3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Omaha Ambulance Service Inc is the incumbent contractor and has all the necessary resources, licenses, qualifications, and experience to provide Non-emergency ALS/BLS Ground Ambulance Service. Due to the short duration required for services, Omaha Ambulance Service Inc has all the necessary skill sets to continue service without delay or interruption. Failure to issue a sole source contract would create an unacceptable lapse in service in providing Ambulance Transportation Services for the Omaha VAHCS. This is a bridge contract for three (3) months for the period of April 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015 and will include the option to extend services under FAR 52.217-8. The estimated cost is \$217,500.00.
- 4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** Test Program for Commercial Items (Section 4202 “Application of Simplified Procedures to Certain Commercial Items” of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996), as implemented in Federal Acquisition Regulation, FAR 13.501 “Special Documentation Requirements” and FAR 13.106-1(b)(2).
- 5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Omaha Ambulance Service Inc is the incumbent contractor and has all necessary resources, licenses, qualifications, and experience to provide the required service. Due to the short duration of the required services, Omaha Ambulance Service Inc has all the necessary skill sets to continue service without delay or interruption. Failure to issue a sole source contract would create an unacceptable lapse in service in providing Ambulance Transportation Service. To solicit this short-duration requirement would cost substantially more due to additional proposal preparation cost and the quick onboarding of a new contractor and the cost would not be overcome through competition. The period of performance under the current contract ends on March 31, 2015. The solicitation for the new contract is scheduled to be published April 25, 2015 and award is anticipated on or about May 15, 2015. Omaha Ambulance Service Inc is the incumbent contractor and has all necessary skill sets, manpower, resources, licenses, qualifications, and experience to provide the required service. A solicitation for this short-term contract would be cost prohibitive to the Government and interested

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parties. Awarding this bridge contract will provide additional time to respond to vendor questions, provide Solicitation Amendments and obtain necessary reviews prior to contract award. The need for uninterrupted service is vital for continuing day-to-day operations.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** This action will be published on FedBizOpps as an "Intent to Sole Source" notice for a reasonable period of time, pursuant to FAR 5.203.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The Contracting Officer will determine the price to be fair and reasonable.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** This action will be published on FedBizOpps as an "Intent to Sole Source" notice for a reasonable period of time, pursuant to FAR 5.203. To solicit this short-duration requirement would cost substantially more due to additional proposal preparation cost and the quick onboarding of a new contractor and the cost would not be overcome through competition.
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:** 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:** The solicitation for the new contract is scheduled to be published February 25, 2015 and award is anticipated on or about May 15, 2015.
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.

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13. Approvals in accordance with the [VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP](#).

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

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Network 23 Contracting Office (NCO 23)

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- b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required \$150K and above)**: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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