

## JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  
Office of Acquisition Operations  
Strategic Acquisition Center  
10300 Spotsylvania Ave  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

2. Description of Action:

The proposed action is to request a 30 days extension period for the current Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Call Order 023 that supports the Market Research as an Enhanced Service (MRaaES) necessary to facilitate completion of the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor (MSPV) Supply Catalog. The 30 day extension will be IAW with FAR Clause 52.217-8, Option to Extend Services. The original effort was competitively awarded as Call Order 023 against the IPT Facilitation and Acquisition Support Services Enterprise-wide BPA (VA798S-13-A-0001) executed under the General Services Administration (GSA) FSS GS-OOF-0002Y to Monterey Consultants Inc, 5335 Far Hills Ave Suite 311, Dayton, Ohio 45429-2317.

3. Description of Supplies or Services:

This 30 day extension is critical to the efforts supporting the Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) and the MSPV Integrated Project Team (IPT) in the establishment of a MSPV Supply Catalog. There is market research being conducted on thousands of product items for the catalog, with the first batch of 15,000-17,000 plus items due April of 2016. This 30 day extension will allow for the market research to continue on items that are going to be rolled over from a Federal Supply Schedule solicitation (there were no bids on these items) to an open market solicitation. The market research being conducted supports, compiles, analyzes, and reports data to the Small Business Administration (SBA), per agreement, on the prime MSPV distributor contract nonmanufacturer rule (NMR) waiver. Under this agreement, the VA is to provide award data, manufacture/distributor data, and socio-economic data on the base MSPV supplier contracts related to the 15,000-17,000 plus item cataloged by May of 2016. This information will be utilized by the SBA to determine VA eligibility to maintain its NMR rule waiver on the prime MSPV distributor contracts.

The PoP will be approximately one (1) month with a total estimated value of the proposed action being \$57K (no options).

4. Statutory Authority:

Statutory authority permitting Other than Full and Open Competition.

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IAW 10 U.S.c. 2304(c)(2), and FAR 6.302-1, Only one responsible source and no other supplier or services will satisfy agency requirements.

5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above:

The statutory authority cited is FAR 6.302-1, Only one responsible source and no other supplier or services will satisfy agency requirements, is necessary as award to any source would result in, (A) Substantial duplication of cost to the Government that is not expected to be recovered through competition, and (B) there would be unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirement.

The current Contractor's market research methodologies and processes are providing the Government with the data needed to meet the requirement. A change in contractors could drastically effect the continuity and effectiveness of the research being conducted. The VA has determined that at this point there is only one contractor capable of maintaining the current level of continuity, and as such Monterey Consultants, Inc. is the only source for this requirement.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition:

The original award, VA119-13-A-0001, VA119-14-J-0085, was solicited as a competitive Service Disabled Veteran Owned set aside through the IPT Facilitation and Acquisition Support Services BPA. There are five (5) BPA holders, all of which submitted quotes in response to the original requirement. Market research shows there would be adequate competition in the event of a competitive requirement. As stated earlier under section 4, Monterey Consultants, Inc. is the only source that can meet the time constraints and complexity of the requirement at an acceptable cost to the Government.

7. Actions to Increase Competition: N/A

8. Market Research: There are a total of 5 BPA holders under ther IPT Facilitation and Acquisition Support Services BPA. Further market research is not needed. As stated earlier, time constraints and significate added cost make awarding this requirement to another Contractor would prove unacceptable to the Government.

9. Other Facts: N/A

10. Technical and Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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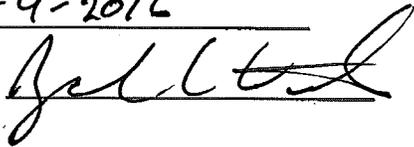
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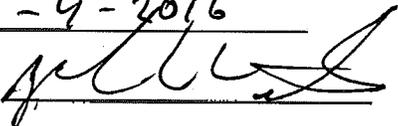
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11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable based on the IGCE and the LOE/Costs of the previous requirement. The previous negotiated rates will be used during the 30 day extension.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1-4-2016  
Procuring Contracting Officer Signature: 

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification: ***For a proposed contract exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold but not exceeding \$650,000, the contracting officer's certification required by FAR 6.303-2(b)(12) will serve as approval.*** I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As this contract action does not exceed \$650,000, the certification below required by FAR 6.303-2(b)(12) serves as approval.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1-4-2016  
Procuring Contracting Officer Signature: 

***Note: If the Contracting Officer is the approval authority, the justification ends at paragraph 12.***