

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

**Acquisition Plan Action ID: 689-16-2-7061-0059**

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 01, Manchester VAMC  
Procurement for: VA Connecticut Health Care System, 2237 No 689-16-2-7061-0059 (\$195,000.00).
- 2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Emergency contract for Special Mode (Ambulance) Transportation service.
- 3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** VA Connecticut Health Care System has a continuing need for special mode (ambulance) transportation. Changing requirements have caused a delay in processing and additional time is needed to complete the solicitation. This contract will be for 2 months (March 30, 2016 through May 31, 2016) with the vendor who held the last successful contract.
- 4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** *41 USC §3304(a)(1), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1. The specific paragraph must be cited. Most likely, only the -1 or -2 authorities will be cited. Please be aware that failure to adequately plan for future requirements does not constitute appropriate use of the unusual and compelling urgency statutory authority.*
  - (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
  - (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):** **(2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency (FAR 6.302-2, 6.303-2(a)(9)(ii))** Continuation of the special mode transportation is needed at once to preclude impairment of healthcare delivery capabilities and mission performance. Without this continued service Veterans will not receive needed transportation to their healthcare appointments and will not receive the care they require and are entitled to.
- 6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** There is currently an action to procure this vitally needed service. When solicited this will be posted on FedBizOps to allow for maximum participation by interested vendors.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Market research, and pricing of similar contracts throughout the VISN, has shown that the current rates with the incumbent vendor are fair and reasonable.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research has shown that given the additional time for solicitation will allow for more vendors to respond increasing competition.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition** There are actions in place to procure a new contract for this service however, due to unforeseen delays, the new contract will not be in place in time to allow a seamless (uninterrupted ) service for our Veterans. This contract needs to be placed in order to close the gap in service.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** The following vendors have shown interest: ProModel Corporation, 7540 Windsor Drive, Suite 300, Allentown, PA 18195; American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc., 58 Middletown Ave, New Haven, CT 06513; Metro Health EMS, 1145 Hightower Trail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30350; Kiessling Transit Inc. 194 Dedham St., Norfolk, MA 02056; Danbury Ambulance Services, Inc., 14 Walnut Street, Danbury, CT 06811; Express Medical Transporters, Inc., 6780 Southwest Ave, St. Louis, MO 63143.
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:** A competitive action is currently ongoing however it will not be awarded in time to preclude a loss of service to our Veterans.
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.

*(This signature is the requestor's supervisor, fund control point official, chief of service, someone with responsibility and accountability)*

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Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP  
Attachment 3: Request for Sole Source Justification Format >\$150K

13. **Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.** *This part is filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

- 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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- 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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