

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval**

**For**

**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

**1. Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 8, Miami VA Healthcare Systems, Bruce W. Carter Medical Center requests authorization to proceed with other than full and open competition to acquire services for purchase request 546-11-4-6590-0810.

**2. Nature and/or Description of Action Being Processed:**

This is a request for other than full and open competition for the procurement and construction services for removing and replacing the existing collapsed Return Air Ductwork from the double doors leading to the M.I.C.U to the Air Handling Unit located in the Mechanical Room at the Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

Proposed award for this procurement is to Unlimited Services Associates, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concern.

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

This requirement calls for labor, supervision, equipment, and all other resources required to disconnect and remove the collapsed Return Air Ductwork, remove from the premises, and properly dispose of, and install new return air ductwork at the Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System. The estimated cost of this project is less than \$25,000.00 and the period of performance is 30 days or less.

**4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5.

**5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

Authority under 38 USC 8127-8128 (Sections 502 and 503 of Public Law (P.L.) 109-461), FAR Part 6.302-5(b) (6), and VAAR 819.7007

Sole Source awards to service disabled veterans-owned small business concerns.

- (a) A contracting officer may award contracts to SDVOSB concerns on a sole source basis provided:
  - (1) The anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will not exceed \$5 million;
  - (2) The requirement is synopsisized in accordance with FAR part 5;
  - (3) The SDVOSB concern has been determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance; and
  - (4) Award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.
- (b) The contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer. A determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required.

The anticipated award amount is less than \$25,000.00. A special notice announcing the contract action was posted to FEDBIZOPPs on September 20, 2011. A separate determination of the contractor's responsibility has been made in accordance with FAR 9. A sole source award is proposed pending negotiation of a fair & reasonable price.

Unlimited Services Associated is immediately available for the execution of the work. The contractor's past performance on Tampa and Miami's Veterans Affairs projects has been outstanding with very positive results to the Medical Center and using services involved. In the last three years, the contractor has completed three other project at the Tampa Veteran Administration Healthcare System to upgrade (1) Pharmacy T 77 and T78 trailers; (2) Angio Plasma Suite, and (3) M.R.I Laboratory. They are currently working on a \$400,000.00 project at the Tampa's Veterans Administration Fisher House to upgrade the Life Safety Standards. The CO is recommending an SDVOSB sole source to Unlimited Services Associates, Inc., based on the aforementioned.

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable**

While there are other contractors in Vetbiz.gov, a determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required per the authorities cited in paragraph 5.

The Contracting Officer has determined that United Services Associates is qualified as a SDVOSB; and will provide superior construction services based on the company's past performance on various projects completed at Tampa's Veteran Affairs Medical Center.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

Based on the authorities cited in this justification, a sole source award to subject contractor is proposed pending negotiation of a fair & reasonable price. It is expected negotiations with result in a cost which compares favorably to the independent Government Estimate.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

The VIP database was queried in accordance with VAAR 810.001, Market Research policy. Unlimited Services Associates, Inc., is listed in the VIP database along with other multiple SDVOSB concerns.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

Per authorities cited in paragraph 5, the contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer.

**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition):**

Multiple SDVOSBs exist in the VIP database; however, the contracting officer's determination whether to make a sole source award is a business decision wholly within the discretion of the contracting officer. A determination that only one SDVOSB concern is available to meet the requirement is not required. The CO has determined a sole source award is in the best interest of the VA.

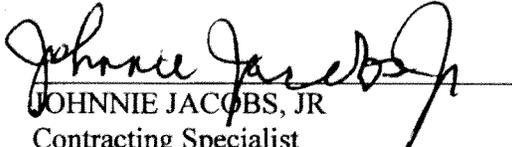
**11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:**

Any future SDVOSB sole source awards in the best interest of the VA will be rotated to other SDVOSB's determined responsible.

**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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Plant Operation Foreman

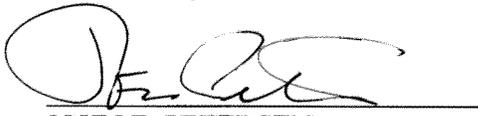
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Contracting Specialist  
SAO East, NCA 8, Construction Team 1

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**13. Approvals in accordance with Public Law 109-461: Veterans First Program**

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

  
JOHN E. PETERSEN  
Contracting Officer  
SAO East, NCA 8, Construction Team 1

09/19/2011  
Date