

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA256-16-AP-3016

- 1. Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office 16, Little Rock VA Medical Center, 2200 Fort Roots Drive, Bldg. 41, North Little Rock, AR 72115

Purchase request number: 598-16-3-130-0014

Price: \$315,676.80

- 2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The justification for the use of other than full and open competition as contained in FAR 6.302-1 and VA Directive 1663 to award a sole-source contract to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), an Affiliate Institution, to provide Primary Care service to veterans in Pine Bluff, AR and surrounding counties. This action will be awarded as a firm fixed price contract based on previously negotiated capitation rates. UAMS is currently providing these services under contract VA256-15-D-0084, with a period of performance covering 10/1/2015 through 3/31/2016. We are requesting a short term contract, with period of performance being 4/1/2016 through 6/30/2016 to allow time for the technical, legal, and Office of Inspector General reviews of the long term contract to be completed.
- 3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The CAVHS requires contract services to operate the CBOC located in Pine Bluff, AR. The contractor shall be required to provide health care staff, medical facilities, medical equipment, supplies, and all administrative functions sufficient to achieve the contracted level of care in a manner consistent with VHA standards, and meet the requirements and guidelines set forth in the most recent edition of The Joint Commission accreditation manuals. All staff members must meet the requirement for VA background investigations and credentialing and privileging, as required. Under the contract, the contractor shall utilize the VHA's Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS) for documentation of all patient-related care, including clinical care provided, appointment management, completion of clinical reminders, requests for consultation, scheduling or ordering medications using the VHA formulary, requests for prosthetics, and any other computer functions related to patient care. In general, the contractor shall refer veterans to the CAVHS in Little Rock, AR for specialty care, extensive diagnostic work, and non-emergency hospitalization. The CBOC should be open a minimum of five days per week, for a minimum of 40 hours per week. This CBOC has been approved for conversion to government staffed. The short term contract services are required until the

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

- (X) (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):

The UAMS, an Affiliate Institution, is currently operating the Pine Bluff, AR CBOC and has provided Primary Care services to veterans in Pine Bluff, AR and the surrounding counties since the initial contract VA256-P-0840 was awarded in November 2011. UAMS currently leases space, employs the necessary professional and administrative staff to meet the contract requirements, and is capable of providing the highly complex medical services required by this contract. The UAMS professional and administrative staff at the Pine Bluff CBOC have completed background investigations and have been credentialed and privileged, when required, by the VA. The professional and administrative staff have met the VA's requirements for training, competencies, and the use of CPRS. Since Pine Bluff is an established CBOC, award of this contract to UAMS would continue services without interruption or cessation of Primary Care to approximately 50,000 veterans, which supports the VA's primary mission. As part of the Affiliation Agreement, sole-sourcing this contract to an Affiliate Institution provides both the CAVHS and UAMS the opportunity to be participating institutions for the academic purposes of enhanced patient care, education, and research. Additionally there is no time to solicit and have another medical services contract in place prior to 3/31/2016, when the current short term contract expires.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: None. Since the current contract for the Pine Bluff CBOC is awarded to UAMS, an Affiliate Institution, it is not practical to contract with any other potential sources because UAMS has the professional and administrative staff on board to continue the operation; the staff has met VA requirements for background investigations and credentialing and privileging, as required; the staff is familiar with VA policies and proficient in using CPRS; and currently has the facility and equipment in place to continue providing Primary Care services without interruption. Award to a different potential source could require anywhere from an estimated 90-120 days after award to provide space and staffing that meets VA requirements.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the

Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The anticipated price of \$315,676.80 is determined to be fair and reasonable to the government based on previous negotiated contract prices paid for the same service under contract VA256-15-D-0084.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: None. The incumbent is the only contractor capable of continuing this medical services contract because of the short period of performance necessary to get the long term contract in place. The long term contract was submitted as a sole source to the incumbent.

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: This CBOC is approved for conversion to government staffed and it is anticipated the long term contract will be the last contract required to facilitate the conversion to government staffed.

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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Chapter VI: Other Than Full and Open Competition (OFOC) SOP
Attachment 3: Request for Sole Source Justification Format >\$150K
Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.

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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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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