

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL  
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Technology Acquisition Center  
260 Industrial Way West  
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a firm-fixed-price contract for automated testing services on the MyHealtheVet (MHV) portal. This effort will have a twelve (12) month period of performance.
3. Description of Supplies or Services: The purpose of the proposed action is for a contractor to provide program management support, to create a strategy and framework for automated regression testing and automated load testing of the MHV portal, perform market research and market analysis, establish an MHV Automation Test Strategy, and implement and maintain an Automated Regression Testing Program. The total estimated price of the proposed action is \$702,306.75.
4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition for this acquisition is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5), "when a statute expressly authorizes or requires that the acquisition be made through another agency or from a specified source", as implemented by FAR 6.302-5. For this action, 38 U.S.C. 8127(c), known as the Veterans First Contracting Program, provides the authority to directly contract with a Service-Disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB).
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: The proposed source for this action is 7 Delta, 8161 Maple Lawn Blvd., Ste. 420, Fulton, Md. 20759-2570. 7 Delta is a certified SDVOSB and has over one and a half years of successful performance with the programming of the MHV website. 7 Delta's MHV experience makes them uniquely qualified to understand the implications of and best practices for developing and implementing this task. Based on the above information, the Government's technical experts have deemed 7 Delta a capable source, able to provide the required portal automated testing services on VA's MHV portal.
6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted and the details are contained in the market research section below. Consistent with the guidelines of the Veterans First Contracting Program, the proposed action described herein will be synopsized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page in accordance with FAR Part 5.
7. Actions to Increase Competition: All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis to determine any future acquisition strategy.

8. Market Research: Market research was conducted by searching the VetBiz.gov database on September 22, 2011 to determine if 7 Delta is a SDVOSB. This search concluded that 7 Delta is registered and certified in the VetBiz.gov database and qualifies as a SDVOSB in accordance with federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System code 541519. Additionally, a search in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) performed on September 22, 2011 showed that 7 Delta is registered under CCR. Furthermore, in September 2011, technical experts within the MHV program office determined 7 Delta capable of meeting the Government's requirements for this effort.

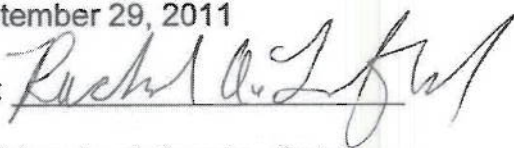
9. Other Facts: The Procuring Contracting Officer has determined that this proposed action meets all the requirements of 38 U.S.C 8127(c). This procurement is below the \$5,000,000 threshold, 7 Delta is a responsible SDVOSB for performance of the services described herein, and the contract can be awarded at a fair and reasonable price that will offer a best value to the Government. Additionally, the contractor will perform against a performance based work statement as the Government will rely on the contractor's technical expertise in meeting the contract requirements.

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.

Rachel Lunsford

Date: September 29, 2011

Project Manager

Signature: 

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 Independent Government Cost Estimate and price analysis.

Carol Newcomb

Date: 9/29/11

Procuring Contracting Officer Signature:

Carol A. Newcomb

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Carol Newcomb

Date: 9/29/11

Procuring Contracting Officer Signature:

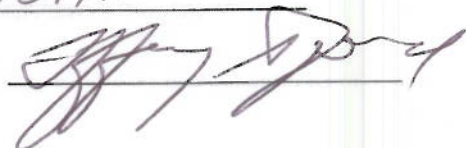
Carol A. Newcomb

13. Legal Sufficiency Certification: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and approval and deem it to be legally sufficient.

Tiffany Alford

Date: 9/29/11

Legal Counsel

Signature: 





## Approval


In my role as the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate, based on the foregoing justification, I hereby approve a Firm-Fixed-Price contract for automated testing services on the MyHealtheVet portal, on an other than full and open competition basis, pursuant to the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5), subject to availability of funds, and provided that the services herein described have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

Date: 9/29/11Signature: Wendy J. McCutcheon  
Iris B. Cooper  
Head of the Contracting Activity

Justification For Other Than Full and Open Competition  
Coordination Matrix

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Date Concur/Non-Concur  
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Competition Manager  
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Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Karen M. Conti  
Chief, Information Technology Operations/System Acquisition Division  
Technology Acquisition Center (001 AL-A3)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date Concur/Non-Concur  
Michele R. Foster  
Deputy Director  
Technology Acquisition Center (001 AL-A3)  
Office of Acquisition and Logistics  
Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date Concur/Non-Concur  
Wendy J. McCutcheon  
Executive Director  
Technology Acquisition Center (001 AL-A3)  
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Date

September 29, 2011

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4. Wendy J. McCutcheon, SES, Executive Director, TAC	WJM	9/29/11
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REMARKS

Please find the attached 2268 and JOFOC for TAC 03307 for the Automated Testing of the MHV portal effort.

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FROM: (Name, org. symbol, Agency/Post) Joshua Cohen Contract Specialist TAC	Room No. - Bldg.  Phone No. 732-440-9696
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