

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System, 2200 Fort Roots Drive, North Little Rock, AR VISN 16.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: This office requests approval to procure and award a non-competitive contract to maintain current and future Primary Rate Interface (PRI) lines within the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), Single Line Flat Rate Business Telephone Line (1FB), Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS), T1, and Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) circuits, with the existing provider, AT&T, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) located in Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas and its associated Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) and remote areas of responsibility, as well as future CBOCs.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: AT&T will continue to provide local telephone and internet line (voice and data lines to include local, long distance and DSL) access to the CAVHS VAMC and its CBOCs and remote areas. This service consist of local dial tone and ISDN services that allows phone calls through the Public Branch Exchange (PBX)

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

- () (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- (X) (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):

b. Unusual and Compelling Urgency (FAR 6.302-2, 6.303-2(a)(9)(ii)) – The company listed above (AT&T Government Solutions) in the past years performed the requested services via a procurement mechanism called Estimated Miscellaneous Obligations (1358). The procurement mechanism is no longer applicable and must be done using Request, Turn In, and Receipt for Property and Services (2237/PO). AT&T currently provides telephone and internet line access to the CAVHS VAMC and its CBOCs and posses the expertise, support desk functions and knowledge of the CAVHS infrastructure and architectures. The phone and internet lines are vital to the operations of the VA and must continue uninterrupted. Without these services, the VAMC and the CBOCs would cease to have communication capabilities and would not be able to carryout its mission and legal responsibilities. Any disruption in these services will cause significant harm to patient care support.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: Internet Searches, End-User Survey conducted and no other sources were available for this unique service.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The proposed price will be in accordance with the established rates paid by the CAVHS VAMC under the previous obligation method. The price will be compared to the historical prices

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Given that there is only one source that can perform the services within the timeframe allowed for acquisition, no other market research was performed.

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: No competition in the Market Place.

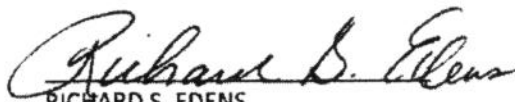
12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JANET PATTERSON
IT SPECIALIST - NETWORK
CENTRAL ARKANSAS VETERANS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

September 15, 2011

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

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

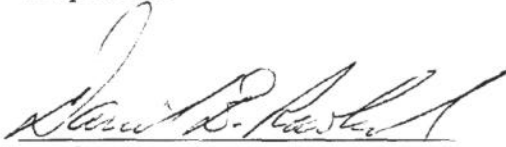


RICHARD S. EDENS
CONTRACTING OFFICER
CAVHS, VISN 16

9-26-2011

Date

b. **NCM/PCM**: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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DAVID ROWLAND
NETWORK CONTRACT MANAGER
VISN 16

A handwritten date "28 Sept 11" written in dark ink over a horizontal line.

Date