

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 01, VA Boston Healthcare System (HCS)  
2237 #: 518-16-2-7061-0017  
Estimated cost: \$925,000.00

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

Contract for special Mode (Ambulance) Transportation service.

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

VA Boston HCS has a continuing need for special mode (ambulance) transportation. Due to changing requirements and coordination with other activities the Scope of Work is being refined. This has caused a delay in processing and additional time is needed to complete the solicitation. This request is for an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity contract for 6 months; a 3 month base period and a 3 month option period.

Period of Performance: March 27, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Contractor: Brewster Ambulance (vendor of currently expiring contract).

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): (1) Only one Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements (FAR 6.302-1)**

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 to which they are entitled.

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. The solicitation 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 current contract pricing has shown that the 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. List of Source that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

A Sources Sought Notice (VA241-16-AP-0566) was posted on FedBizOpps in December of 2015, for the long-term contract. Responses were received from:

- Alert Ambulance (Small Business)
- American Medical Response (Large Business)
- CarePlus (Small Business)
- Cataldo Ambulance (Large Business)
- Coastline EMS (Small Business)
- Deltek (Large Business)
- Metro Health EMS (Small Business)

**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.

*Robert O'leary*

Robert O'Leary  
Chief, Transportation  
VA Boston Healthcare System

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Date

**13. Approvals in accordance with the [VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP](#).**

- 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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William Nalls  
Division Chief

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Gary Dilk  
Procurement Analyst

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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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Gerald Jacobs  
Acting Director of Contracting  
NCO 1

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Date

- c. **Director of SAO East:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than

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Joseph Maletta  
Director, SAO East

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