

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Justification and Approval
Under
Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP)
For Restricting Competition under FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) "Single Source"**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 20, Puget Sound Health Care System, 1660 S Columbian Way, Seattle, Washington 98108-1587.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This procurement under PR # 663-12-1-2141-0020 is for the research project entitled, *A Prognostic System for Selecting Appropriate Level of Amputation*, where in accordance with FAR 6.001(a), acquisitions conducted under FAR 13 for SAP are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2, IAW the VHA SOP for Other Than Full And Open Competition dated 3-22-2011. This research will be funded by Rehabilitation Research and Development grant number O7119R. This procurement will provide a Firm-Fixed-Price Contract for the services required under this research project.
3. **Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Dr. Alison Henderson, 6819 150th Avenue NE, Redmond, Washington, will provide services to the VAPSHCS Rehabilitation Research and Development Center of Excellence for Limb Loss Prevention and Prosthetic Engineering.

Dr. Alison Henderson's responsibilities include: Organize and complete data analysis of existing data sets, design, compose, and submit manuscripts for publication.

Dr. Alison Henderson first research objective is to conduct data analysis of outcomes data following dysvascular amputation. During the course of the proposed work we fully expect Dr. Henderson to actively participate in weekly project meetings, advise project staff about computer and analysis issues, conduct analysis and take the lead role in the preparation of four manuscripts.

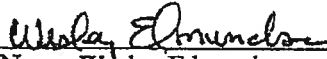
The total estimated value of this acquisition is \$33,000.

The period of performance is 1 November 1 2011 - 30 September 2012.

3. **Statutory Authority Permitting Restriction in Competition:**
The statutory authority for restricting competition under SAP, or Single Sourcing, for acquisitions under \$150,000 or Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) is 41 U.S.C. 253(c), as implemented by FAR 13.106-1(b)(1). The specific reason for restricting competition is grant funding specific to this project only.
4. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Dr. Alison Henderson will serve as a consultant on the affiliated study O7119R, and will be responsible for executing all requested duties. Dr. Henderson is the only one with the requisite knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience to perform simple vs. complex data-set, design, compose, and submit manuscripts for publications. The success of these studies and the fulfillment of the Government's interests are contingent upon the assistance and knowledge of Dr. Henderson in performing these studies

5. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:** In accordance with FAR 5.202 and VAAR 809.302-5(a)(2), this requirement is not required to be publicized as it was accepted as an unsolicited research proposal. Under the Department of Veterans Affairs, Research and Development approved grant "A Prognostic System for Selecting Appropriate Level of Amputation" funded for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30th, 2014.
6. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable – IAW FAR 13.106-3:**
The anticipated total dollar amount of the proposed acquisition is \$33,000. This is based on 11 studies at \$3,000 each. This price is in accordance with the established price schedule agreed upon between the contractor and the Government, grant number O7119R. Based on this data, the prices are expected to be fair and reasonable.
7. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):**
No market research was performed based upon the justification that the contractor is written into a federally funded grant. The grant number is O7119R.
8. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:**
Utilizing an organization other than for Dr. Alison Henderson could cause faulty analysis and corrupt the study.
9. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None.
10. **Statement of 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:** None.
Funding and grant work is specific to Dr. Alison Henderson.

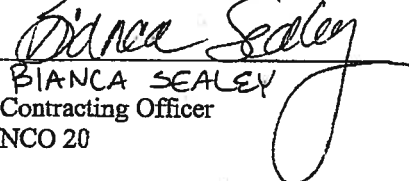
11. **Requirements Certification - IAW FAR 6.303-2(c):** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name: Wesley Edmundson
Position: AO

11-8-2011
Date

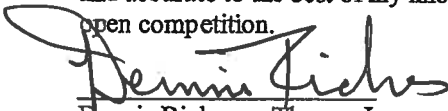
12. **Approvals IAW VHA SOP 3.22.11:**

- 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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Contracting Officer
NCO 20


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Date

- b. **Quality Assurance Manager:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval for other than full and open competition.


Dennis Riches or Thomas Loy
NCO 20 Contracts QA Manager
NCO 20 Acquisition Division

11-9-2011
Date

- c. **Acquisition Manager's Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval for other than full and open competition.


Lynnial E. Trusty Jr.
NCO 20 Network Contracts Manager
Service Area Office - West

11/14/2011
Date