

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

1. **Contracting Activity:**
Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 20, for Puget Sound, American Lake, Tacoma; WA, Station 663.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**
This procurement under PR # 663-12-1-9987-0002, PO # VA260-12-P-0098, is for Taxi Services, Tacoma, WA, 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 was awarded as a verbal bridge purchase order, firm fixed-unit price at a not to exceed total cost.
3. **Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**
Taxi Services, American Lake. The total estimated value of the acquisition is \$30,000.00. The period of performance is October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012. At the following rates:

Description	Unit	Unit Price
Dispatch Meter Rate	Trip	\$ [REDACTED]
Passenger Transport Rate	Mile	\$ [REDACTED]
Pick up & Delivery Transport Rate	Mile	\$ [REDACTED]
Wait Time Rate	Hour	\$ [REDACTED]
Wait Time Rate "With" Attendant	Hour	\$ [REDACTED]
Attendant Charge (one-way)	Each	\$ [REDACTED]
Additional Passenger Charge	Each	\$ [REDACTED]

4. **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 Urgency.
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**
Fort Lewis Taxi was the incumbent contractor under V260P-00480 which expired on 9/30/2011. In order to continue taxi services of veterans for patient care without interruption, a verbal bridge purchase order was needed.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:**
Under normal circumstances this procurement would fall under usual requirements for open-market competition and be open to quotes from any and all eligible contractors. However, the urgent, critical need for uninterrupted services precluded procurement for this bridge requirement from any source other than the incumbent.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable – IAW FAR 13.106-3:**

Price is established as fair and reasonable in comparison with the prices paid under the previous contract V260P-00480. The contractor has not raised its rates since option years 3 and 4 and is offering the same prices under this bridge purchase order. (eCMS briefcases are missing all "P" and "S" documentation to support the award and solicitation procurement phases of the previous purchase order, and there are audit results in the eCMS briefcase stating this. This is a file from 2006 and hard copy documentation is available to show price competition was achieved with the receipt of two quotes. The Contracting Officer has read the 05/16/06 Price Negotiation Memo.)

The proposed prices are in the best interest of the Government.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):**

No market research was conducted due to the urgency of the requirement.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:**

No other facts to report.

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

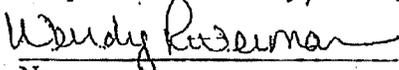
No sources expressed in writing an interest in the acquisition.

11. **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:**

Because this is a bridge purchase order, the short performance period will end on 3/31/2012. The creation of a short bridge allows for competition to be solicited from as many sources as possible for the follow on contract which will be a base plus 4 option years. A pre-solicitation synopsis will be posted in accordance with FAR 5.201 for the new extended contract.

12. Requirements Certification - IAW FAR 6.303-2(c):

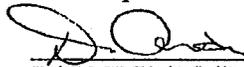
I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name: _____
Position: Assoc Dir., HPM

1-31-12
Date

13. 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.


DARLENE ANDERSON
Contracting Officer
NCO 20 Services Acquisitions Team

2-1-2012
Date

- b. **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.


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NCO 20 Network Contracts Manager
Service Area Office - West

2/6/2012
Date