

FAR 8 - JUSTIFICATION FOR LIMITING SOURCES <\$150K

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA258-16-AP-3883

1. **Agency and Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 18, Carl T. Hayden VAMC, Purchase Request Number 644-17-1-5837-0005. NCO 18 has received a requirement clinical and anatomic pathology diagnostic testing services from a qualified Reference Laboratory service period of one year.

2. Description of Action:

Nature: ☒ New Requirement ☐ Follow-on Order
☐ Mod to Existing Order Number

Order against: ☒ FSS Contract Number: V797P-7302A

Name of Proposed Contractor: Senora Quest Laboratories
Street Address: 1255 W. Washington St.
City, State, Zip: Tempe, AZ 85281
Phone: [REDACTED]

3. Description of Supplies or Services:

The estimated value of the proposed action is \$ [REDACTED]

The Phoenix VA Health Care System (PVAHCS) has a requirement for a contractor to provide Specialized Pathology & Laboratory Reference Work to Veteran beneficiaries at the Carl T. Hayden Veteran's Affairs medical Center. The services needed include specialized clinical and anatomic pathology diagnostic testing services. The services are needed as an as-needed basis, for laboratory testing protocols not performed by the in-house laboratory. Vendor is to provide all labor, supplies, equipment, maintenance, information technology and supervision necessary to provide reference laboratory services to the Carl T. Hayden VAMC. Reference laboratory services include, but are not limited to: specimen preparation and storage; transportation of clinical laboratory specimens, microbiology cultures, and stocks; performance of analytical testing; reporting of analytical test results; and consultative services. The incumbent is Sonora Quest Reference Laboratory.

4. Authority:

ORDER AGAINST FSS: Authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program, Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 USC 251, et seq.); Title 40 USC 501, Services for Executive Agencies; and Section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002 (PL 107-107) and implemented by [FAR 8.405-6](#). Mark the applicable exception:

☒ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(A\)](#));

☐ Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized; ([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(B\)](#)) or

☐ In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order and the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. **The original order was not previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures.** ([FAR 8.405-6\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)\(C\)](#))

5. Rational/explanation to support cited authority:

After discussions with the Services Contracting 4 Branch Manager and the other Contracting Specialist of the Branch, it was brought to the attention that any changes to the existing medical record system (VistA), such as changing test names, vendor information takes six (6) to eight (8) months to complete. This Information comes from the Contracting Officer that signed the Blanket Purchase Agreements for Laboratory Corporation of America, Senora Quest Diagnostics, ARUP laboratories and the Customer. The laboratory testing for this requirement has to be available for Veterans Administration Doctors to order testing on the first day of the new contract period, October 1st, 2016. A six to eight month delay in being able to enter test results into patient records will cause a serious impact in PVAHCS operations.

6. BRAND NAME ONLY: This buy is estimated to exceed \$ [REDACTED] and this documentation will be posted along e-Buy, as required by [FAR 8.405-6\(b\)\(3\)](#).
7. Note that this determination satisfies the requirements of [FAR 8.405-6](#). The requirement to prepare a written justification [IAW FAR 6.303](#) does not apply to Federal Supply Schedules.

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Contract Specialist

Date: 09/17/2016

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Contracting Officer/Designee

Date: 09/21/2016