



JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

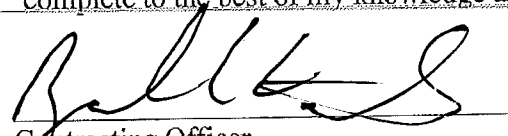
1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs
Acquisition Business Service
425 I Street, NW
Washington DC 20001
2. **Description of Action:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Administration (OA) Mail Services proposes to enter into a contract with the United States Postal Service and Pitney Bowes/CitiBank Lockbox OPS, Account # 45733581 for metered Postage. This commercial supply is not available from required sources of supply as listed in FAR Part 8. Therefore, a commercial acquisition will be pursued using FAR Part 12 procedures. This procurement will be a firm-fixed price with no additional line items. The metered postage is in support of the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office Mail Facility located at VACO 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420 and at the VACO Mail Facility located at 425 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Anticipated cost is \$400K, with a period of performance of November 21, 2016 – September 30, 2017.
3. **Description of Supplies or Services:** The request is to cover cost of Commercial US Postage for all VACO outgoing mail. The VACO mail Facility is responsible for placing postage on all outgoing mail to be delivered to the US Postal Service on a daily basis.
4. **Statutory Authority:** The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)- authorized or required by statute- as implemented by FAR 6.302-5. In particular, FAR 6.302-5(a)(2)(1) applies to this procurement. It states, "Full and open competition need not be provided for when a statute expressly authorizes or requires that the acquisition be made through another agency or from a specified source."
5. **Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above:** The United States Postal Service (USPS) is the only authorized source for metered postage 41 CFR Sections 102-192, as amended, requires Federal Program Agencies to purchase postage from the USPS utilizing electronic funds transfers as the method of payment.

6. **A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:** I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable based as the price of First Class Postage is set by the United States Postal Service.
7. **A description of the market research conducted:** Market research was conducted in accordance with FAR Part 10 and resulted in no other economically practical solution for the purpose of postage as the USPS is the only authorized source for metered postage.
8. **Other Facts:** There are no other supporting facts.
9. **Recommendation and Certification from Program Office** Based on the above, I recommend this acquisition be conducted on a sole source basis. I certify that technical data which form a basis for this justification that are the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel are complete and accurate.


Brian Mozingo
Program Specialist

Date: 11-18-2016

10. **Certification from the Contracting Officer:** This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Contracting Officer

Date: 18 Nov 2016