

Department of Veterans Affairs

Limited Sources Justification

FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A)

1. Identification of the Contracting Activity and the Requiring Agency: Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) – Eastern Region, Silver Spring, MD.

2. Nature/Description of Action: A new Firm-Fixed Price task order awarded on a sole source basis to ARGO Systems, LLC utilizing their Blanket Purchase Agreement VA101F-13-A-0002 Under FSS contract GS-10F-0335T. The approved North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) of 541330 with the size standard of \$15 Million average annual gross. The original BPA was awarded as an SDVOSB set aside.

3. Description of Supplies and Services: Construction Management (CM) Services at the VA Manhattan Medical Center, NY.

This requirement is to provide two Structural/Civil Engineers, one Mechanical Engineer, one Electrical Engineer and one CPM Scheduler/data entry professional to assist the Hospital Recovery and Renovations Project's Senior Resident Engineer in performing monitoring and inspection of construction for compliance with contract requirements for this project on a non-personal services basis. Tasks for each position shall include constructability reviews, monitoring/inspecting, reporting, data entry, proposals review and coordination efforts as required to support CFM's mission. Shift work may be required to provide office coverage of construction work at the site. Because there will be multiple AE design efforts and construction contracts in place throughout the period of performance, the CM personnel will be required to monitor and advise CFM on coordination of contract issues and develop an integrated master schedule for the overall program. The estimated price of this action is \$406,257.75. The period of performance is between November 20, 2016 and February 28, 2017.

4. Authority Cited: The statutory authority for this action is FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A), An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays. Due to the pending expiration of the existing task order, and award of the replacement task order still pending, it is urgent that this order be awarded to the incumbent contractor in order to maintain constant coverage and allow for a proper transition of CM Services to the new contractor when award is completed.

5. A determination by the ordering activity contracting officer that the order represents the best value consistent with 8.404(d): The Contracting Officer reviewed the proposed rates and found the proposed labor rates to be below the BPA contract rates for Option Year 4. These rates are consistent with the rates on the current task order, and the current salary of the incumbent CM contractors working on site. The Contracting Officer reviewed the proposed Travel and found the proposed rates to be in accordance with the GSA per diem rates and current market prices. Travel will be awarded on a reimbursable CLIN.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: No efforts were made to obtain competition due to ARGO Systems being the current incumbent contractor. ARGO is already on site, and it is necessary for continued coverage that the CMs remain onsite until February 28, 2017. Award of the replacement task order is still pending and it is urgent that this order be awarded to the

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incumbent contractor in order to maintain constant coverage and allow for a proper transition of CM Services to the new contractor when award is completed.

7. Other Facts: ARGO System, LLC is the logical contractor to perform this work while awaiting award of the new CM Services contract and proper transition.

8. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers that led to the restricted consideration before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made: The new CM Services to be awarded before the end of Nov 2016 was done in a competitive environment and will be for a Base Year plus one Option Year.

9. As the Contracting Officer for this action, I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10. Evidence that any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or requirements or other rationale for limited sources) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel. N/A

11. The Approval Authority for this action is the Contracting Officer.



Angeleque Batkins
Contracting Officer

November 16, 2016

Date