

This is a sole source follow-on contract awarded to the incumbent Contractor to provide continuity of services for direct patient care for the period 2/1/2017 through 1/31/2018.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Justification and Approval**  
**For**  
**Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. **Contracting Activity:** The Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO17) at 2002 Scott Blvd, Temple, TX 76504 intends to enter into a sole source contract based on this Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for the South Texas Healthcare System (STXVHCS), Primary Care Service, 7400 Merton Minter Blvd., San Antonio, TX. Purchase Request No. 671-16-2-474-0018.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Primary Care Service has an emergent need to provide Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Services to Veteran beneficiaries in the North San Antonio, TX area. The current incumbent CR Associates, Inc., is a Veteran-Owned large business currently providing these services under contract VA257-14-D-0099. The contract is due to expire on January 31, 2016. At the North San Antonio CBOC, CR Associates currently provides primary care services to approximately 3,300 Veteran beneficiaries. The amount of administrative lead time required to execute a competitive acquisition exceeds the amount of performance period remaining on the existing contract. A new incumbent would be required to follow the VA Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model. The PACT model is a team-based approach centered on family members, caregivers, health care professionals – primary care provider, nurse care manager, clinical associates, and administrative clerk. This would require a new vendor to locate new facilities or potentially expand their existing facilities, recruit staff to meet contract requirements, undergo VA background checks, and complete credentialing. Therefore with the current contract due to expire on January 31, 2016, a follow on contract is required. In an effort to provide uninterrupted services to the Veteran beneficiaries a sole-source contract for a six (6) month period of performance, February 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016, will be executed. A firm-fixed-priced contract shall be awarded for this requirement.

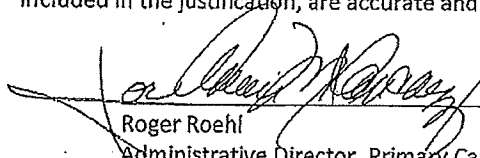
This acquisition will not involve services that can be classified as inherently governmental as defined by FAR 7.503. Furthermore, there is no statutory authority available to permit personal services relative to this requirement. All work relative to this requirement shall be of a non-personal nature.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The requirement is for CBOC Services to be provided to Veteran beneficiaries. There is a continuing need to provide these services to Veteran beneficiaries of STXVHCS. Therefore, a follow on contract is required for a six (6) month period, February 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. The total estimated value of this procurement is \$ 1,299,996.00.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
  - ( ) (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
  - ( ) (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
  - ( ) (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
  - ( ) (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
  - ( ) (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
  - ( ) (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** The services required by this procurement are essential to continued direct patient care. This is a follow on requirement not only to continue to provide clinical services to current Veteran beneficiaries, but also to accommodate the increasing Veteran

population. CR Associates, Inc., a Veteran-Owned large business, is currently providing these services under contract VA257-14-D-0099, which will expire January 31, 2016.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Due to the need to continue to provide Veteran beneficiaries with CBOC services this requirement is being procured in accordance with FAR 6.302-1, Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements, as cited in paragraph 4 above. This requirement is being procured sole source from the current incumbent allowing for continuity of services pending procurement of a long term contract. Due to the nature of the services required the long term requirement will be competed unrestricted. The intent to sole source this requirement will be synopsized in accordance with FAR Part 5.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The anticipated cost is considered fair and reasonable based on historical pricing and the independent Government cost estimate. CBOC Services are commercial item services performed in the healthcare field both Government and non-Government; therefore, certified cost and pricing data is not required. Technical evaluation factors will not be used in this procurement as it is a follow-on sole source procurement to provide continued uninterrupted service to Veteran beneficiaries.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Due to the short nature of the requirement market research was not conducted for this procurement. This requirement is for a follow-on interim contract to provide continuity of services for CBOC Services to Veteran beneficiaries for the period February 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. This requirement is being procured sole source from the incumbent to allow for continuity of services pending procurement of a long term contract. Therefore, it is determined to be in the Government's best interest to award the contract to the incumbent Contractor, a Veteran-Owned large business.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Due to the need for continuity of services to provide Veteran beneficiaries Community Based Outpatient Clinic services to begin February 1, 2016, it is in the Government's best interest to readily procure these services from the incumbent, CR Associates, Inc.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** There are no other sources that have expressed, in writing, an interest in this acquisition
11. **A Statement of the 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:** As stated above, this is a follow on interim requirement being procured sole source under the authority of FAR 6.302-1, Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements, to ensure Veteran beneficiaries direct patient care is not jeopardized. Competition will be sought for the long term contract requirement.

12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide 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.

  
Roger Roehl  
Administrative Director, Primary Care Service  
South Texas Veterans Health Care System

  
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13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

- 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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- b. **Branch Chief Certification (Required \$3K and above):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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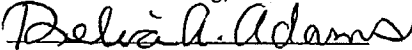
- c. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required \$150K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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