

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval For Sole Source Acquisition

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, NCO 12 Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 115 S. 84th Street, Suite 101, Milwaukee Wisconsin, on behalf of the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System (VAIHCS), 1900 East Main Street, Danville, IL, 61832. The Contracting Activity plans to contract on a sole source basis, Urgent Care Physician Services. This document sets forth the justification and approval as required by FAR 6.303 and 6.304. Purchase Request number is 550-17-4-172-0622.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: Justification and approval for an open market, sole source contract to Randstad Professionals US, LLC for Urgent Care Physician Services at the VAIHCS. The period of performance is July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. The estimated total dollar value is \$213,030.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: The Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System (VAIHCS) has a need for three (3) full-time employee equivalent (FTEE) physicians who are board certified/board eligible in Family Practice or Internal Medicine to provide Urgent Care Physician services at the VAIHCS in Danville, Illinois. Services are required seven (7) days a week to include 24-hour coverage on weekends and holidays. More specifically, services are required Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.; Saturday from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. on Monday; and 8:00 a.m. on federal holidays to 8:00 a.m. the following day.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition: FAR 6.302-1, 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1).

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above: Due to the short lead time, and limited performance period because of anticipated VA staff hiring during the contract period, Randstad Professionals US, LLC is the only vendor able to meet the needs of the Government within the required timeframe. Randstad currently has physicians who are credentialed and privileged at the VAIHCS, and who have meet all VA security requirements. Services will be able to continue without interruption. If awarded to another vendor, there would be unacceptable delays in fulfilling the requirements. Services would be interrupted due to the required credentialing & background investigation processes for new providers that could take up to 10 weeks to complete. If VA recruitment and onboarding is successful during the performance period, contract services will no longer be necessary.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from as Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable. An intent to sole source notification will be posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable based on the current contract pricing and market research of Federal Supply Schedule net ceiling rates. The current contract pricing if converted to an all-inclusive hourly rate would be [REDACTED] FSS net ceiling rates (which do not include travel, per diem, lodging, car rental) range from [REDACTED] per hour, and an average hourly rate of [REDACTED] hour less than anticipated with a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: Limited market research was conducted for this procurement. Vet-Biz identified several potential SDVOSBs that provide physician services; however, none would be able to meet the VA's immediate need, and pricing is much more expensive. GSA e-library was also searched to identify potential hourly rates.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: The acquisition planning for a 6-month competitive solicitation began in December 2016. Just prior to solicitation issuance in early May 2017, the CO was informed that VAIHCS would have one permanent VA staff physician coming in July and two additional possible physicians in August. This information necessitated a review and significant change from the VA's original requirements. In addition, the duplication of costs for credentialing and conducting background investigations of new providers for this short duration will not be recovered through competition. Rather, costs to the VA are expected to increase with competition.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: None.

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: None.

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veteran Affairs and that the supporting data included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Vicki Winters
Administrative Officer, Ambulatory Care
VAIHCS

6/22/17
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP.

a. Contracting Officer's Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Becky Cincotta

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Contracting Officer
NCO 12

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b. Medical Sharing Team Branch Chief: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Patrice Bond

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Medical Sharing Team, Branch Chief
NCO 12

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Date