

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION
ORDER >\$150,000
Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) PART 8.405-6

2237 Transaction Number: [REDACTED]

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program. The material or service listed in paragraph 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules (FSS), is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer/Contractor: Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc.

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: [REDACTED]

Mfg/Contractor Address: 301 New Pointe, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: [REDACTED]

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) **AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Network Contracting Office 16
2200 Fort Roots Drive
Little Rock, AR 72114
VISN: 16

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

The Government intends to award a sole sourced firm fixed priced task order contract from General Service Administration (GSA) VA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) to Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. for onsite Nursing Services for a period of performance of six (6) months from the date of award to support the Veterans of G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center (JVAMC) in Jackson, MS located at 1500 E. Woodrow Wilson Drive, MS 39216. This short-term task order contract for onsite Nursing Services total estimated cost is in the amount of [REDACTED]

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

Award a sole source FSS task order to Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. to provide onsite Nursing Services to the Veterans and eligible beneficiaries. Below is estimated Cost Estimate.

Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost (\$)	Estimated Total Cost (\$)
A.1	RN (Specialty)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
A.2	RN (General)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
A.3	NA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
A.4	DRT	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
A.5	LPN	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Total Estimated Hours: **30,160 hours**

(b) **ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE:** [REDACTED]

(c) **REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE:** August 1, 2017

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

☐ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:

(If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

☐ These are “direct replacements” parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☐ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original FFS order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable FFS ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

☒ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

JVAMC is in danger of turning away patients (closing beds) due to nursing services staffing shortages (to include Registered Nurses (RNs) (Specialty Care); RN (General); Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN); Nursing Assistant (NA); O.R. Scrub Technicians and Diagnostic Radiology Technicians), turnover and failed recruiting attempts to fill nursing vacancies. At present Patient Care Services has 97 vacancies. This is affecting patient access and patient safety due to critical shortages in qualified nursing staff. In the event this requirement does not get awarded it will cause further delays in patient care, deter patient safety, increase the potential risk of staff error due to fatigue from being understaffed/overworked and quality care for Veterans patient safety would be severely compromised.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

In accordance with FAR Part 8.404 (d) Pricing, the complexity and circumstance of each acquisition should determine the level of detail of the analysis required. It is determination of the Contracting Officer to use VA/GSA schedule pricing as fair and reasonable as the costs for items covered under a VA FFS have already been determined to be fair and reasonable.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Limited market research was performed as this is an urgent and compelling need/requirement that is affecting patient safety and care if not awarded. A search on VIP is not applicable due to the urgent need for this requirement in accordance with memorandum dated July 25, 2016 from Acting Deputy Senior Procurement

Executive, Subject: Class Deviation – Implementation of the Veterans First Contracting Program as a Result of the U.S. Supreme Court Decision Class Deviation - Veterans First Contracting Program (VFCP 2016). Specifically, Attachment 4 – VAAR part 808 – Required Sources of Supplies and Services of above referenced memorandum VA rule of Two 38 U.S.C 8127 is not applicable and a sole source award may be made.

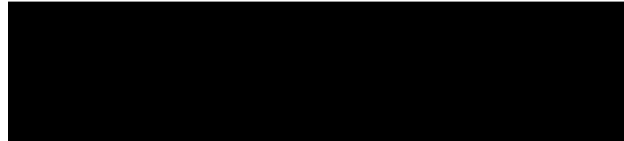
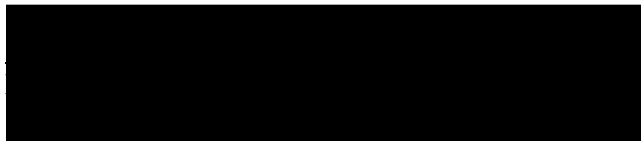
(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc. is a Women Owned Small Business (WOSB). This requirement will be awarded as a non-personnel services contract. Due to the lead time to credential/privilege candidates, the effective date for this requirement has been moved to August 1, 2017.

(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:

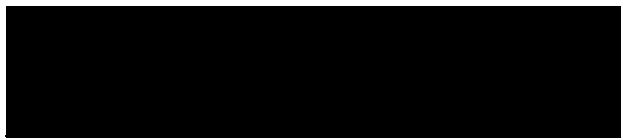
JVAMC has implemented a multi-point plan that will address staffing concerns. Vacancy announcements and advertisements are being accomplished to reduce the current staffing vacancies.

(9) REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of VA and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of FSS contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

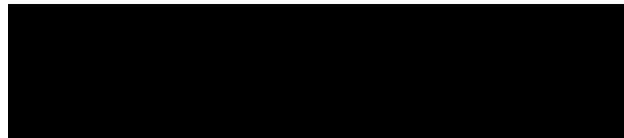


(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(d) and VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP:

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

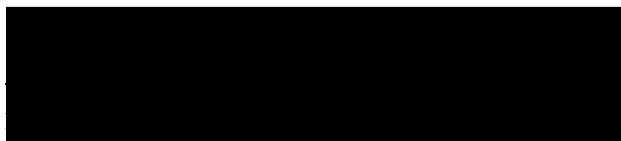


CONTRACTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

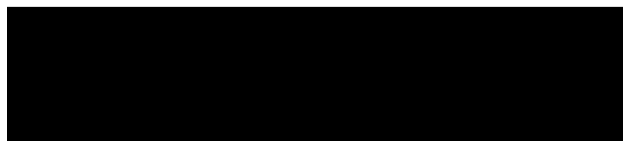


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b. DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTING/DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



SIGNATURE



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c. VHA SAO HCA Review and Approval: I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

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