

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A) For Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)

ADDENDUM

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA249-17-AP-4807

The purpose of this addendum is to explain the difference between the original requirement that was approved to be sole sourced to BES Design/Build LLC. (BES) in accordance with VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP by the undersigned Head of Contracting Activity (HCA), Ms. Linda S. Greaves, on 5/19/2017. Specifically, the original J&A that this addendum is applicable to originally approved a sole source acquisition for BES to design and renovate a 2,220 square foot (SF) area of the Sterile Processing Service (SPS) at the Nashville VA Medical Center. The project, as identified below, was originally estimated to be \$790,264.00.

On 5/30/2017, the undersigned Contracting Officer (CO), Mr. Stephen A. Clabough, received the original proposal for the SPS Equipment Site Preparation project (project number 626-17-510) in response to solicitation number VA249-17-R-0622. The original proposal was received on 5/26/2017 for the monetary sum of \$1,398,921.00 which was 56.49% higher than the original IGCE, \$790,264.00. A further price breakdown for Divisions 9, 23, and 26 was requested on 6/5/2017, and the additional price breakdown was received 6/7/2017. After extensive conversation between the CO, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Mr. Marques A. Santiago, and the Projects Supervisor (PS) for the Nashville VA Medical Center, Mr. Samuel D. Smart, the CO and COR determined on 6/13/2017 that follow-on discussions with the contractor, BES, were needed to occur to further define the requirement to mitigate unneeded risk to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and to facilitate a final proposal revision.

Between the dates of 6/13/2017 and 7/6/2017, the COR and PS questioned what items were being priced in BES' proposal. Based on further questions needing to be answered, an in-person meeting was held with BES, the COR, PS, and CO was scheduled for 7/7/2017. Based on the discussions on 7/7/2017, Amendment A00001 (Issued 07-11-2017) and A00002 (issued July 20, 2017) were issued to BES. The most important, relevant, and expensive change in scope of this project to note with said amendments is that the project increased in size from 2,200 SF to 3,600 SF, an increase of 1,400 SF / 61%. Not only was the square footage impacted, but the footprint of the existing space was impacted as well. This increase in square footage was necessitated by VA Central Office (VACO) to ensure compliance with national SPS requirements. The layout itself was proposed by TVHS' Engineering Service, approved by the Leadership Team of the TVHS, and approved by VACO.

After the discussions that were held on 7/7/2017, the CO requested a proposal revision, based on the change in scope required by TVHS, from BES to reflect the changes made to the originally solicited requirement. Said revised proposal revision was requested on July 12, 2017, and the revised proposal, valued at \$1,938,042.00, was received on July 21, 2017.

In conclusion, as a result of the change in scope that expanded the original requirement by 1,400 SF / 61%, this addendum was drafted in order to properly inform the undersigned personnel and other contractors other than BES, via the posting of this addendum that will be attached to originally approved J&A to the Government Point of Entry, of the change in scope of project number 626-17-510.

1. **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.

Jake Slivensky
Acting, Assistant Chief, Engineering Service
Tennessee Valley Health Care System

8-11-2017

Date

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

- a. **Contracting Officer or Designee's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Stephen A. Clabough
Contracting Officer
Network Contracting Office 9

8-11-2017

Date

- b. **Director of Contracting /Designee (Required over\$150K but not exceeding \$700K):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Susan F. Nagel
Acting, Director of Contracting
Network Contracting Office 9

8-11-2017

Date

- 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 recommend approval (if over \$13.5 million) or approve (\$700K to 13.5 million) for other than full and open competition.

Linda S. Greaves
Acting, SAO Director, Central Region (10NA2)
SAO Central Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

8-11-2017

Date