

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 21, Southern Nevada Health Care System.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** We will be establishing a firm fixed price contract for security guards services for the Southern Nevada Health Care System.

**FAR13.5 Test Program:** This procurement is in accordance with FAR 13.5 Test Program for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where acquisitions conducted under Simplified Acquisition Procedures are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This contract will be for security guard services and the estimated amount is [REDACTED] for a period of performance from 10/01/2017 to 01/31/2018.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
  - ( ) (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
  - (X) (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;

**FAR13.5 Test Program:** The authority for applying the Commercial Test Program of FAR 13.5 is (Section 4202 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996) and is implemented by for restricting competition on this procurement via FAR 13.106-1(b)(2).

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):**

**Authorized or Required by Statute (FAR 6.302-5)** – This acquisition is being made under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 8127(b), which allows the VA to make a sole source award to a SDVOSB if the following conditions are met:

- a. The proposed contractor is determined to be a responsible source with respect to performance of such contract opportunity;
- b. The anticipated award price of the contract (including options) will exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (as defined in section 134 of title 41) but will not exceed \$5,000,000; and
- c. In the estimation of the contracting officer, the contract award can be made at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the United States.
- d. The requirement is synopsized in accordance with FAR part 5.
- e. The contracting officer shall ensure businesses are registered and verified as eligible in the VIP database prior to making an award

**6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

Sources Sought Synopsis: A sources sought was not posted because a qualified SDVOSB is already known.

**7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** There are published rates for security guard services at GSA eLibrary, which provides information to assist in the determination of fair and reasonable pricing for these services.

**8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Based on ongoing strategic market research, we expect SDVOSBs to be interested in the follow on contract.

**9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:**

None

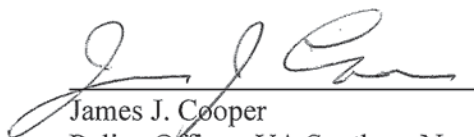
**10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

Culpepper & Associates Security Services, Inc.  
1810 Water Place  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
DUNS: 938396066 (VetBiz verified)

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:**

The VA has statutory authority to make a sole source award to a SDVOSB. We did not have enough lead time to issue a competitive solicitation, so we are using our statutory authority to make a sole source award to a SDVOSB to maintain continuity of services. The long-term goal is to issue a competitive solicitation.

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.



James J. Cooper  
Police Officer, VA Southern Nevada Health Care System

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

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

*Michael Hodahkwen*

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Michael P. Hodahkwen  
Contracting Officer

**One Level Above the Contracting Officer:** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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