

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$150,000

FAR PART 8.405-6

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA260-17-AP-5972

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

Restricted to the following source: Career Staff Unlimited, LLC for Pharmacist services at Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) Seattle, WA King County and VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) – American Lake Division Lakewood, WA Pierce County.

Contractor: Career Staff Unlimited, LLC

Contractor POC & phone number: Caleb Burke, 360-223-3649

Contractor Address: 6363 N. State HWY 161 Suite 525, Irving, TX 75038

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

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Network Contracting Office 20

1495 Wilmington Drive

Suite 360

DuPont, WA 98327

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

A Temporary Help Service Task Order to provide uninterrupted Pharmacist services from October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 to VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS), Seattle, WA and VAPSHCS American Lake Division, Lakewood, WA. The current GSA Task Order, V797P-733A VA260-12-F-0576, expires on September 30, 2017.

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

The VA has a need for a six (6) month follow on Task Order to Career Staff Unlimited, LLC to allow uninterrupted Pharmacist services from October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 for VAPSHCS Seattle, WA and VAPSHCS American Lake Division, Lakewood, WA. The requirement is for an estimated 5,400 hours.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$423,792.00

(c) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018

(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.

Career Staff Unlimited, LLC is the incumbent contractor under expiring Task Order V797P-7336A VA260-12-F-0576. Career Staff Unlimited's pharmacists already have VETPRO Credentialing and Privileging, Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards, and complete background investigations. Any other contractor's employees would also need to undergo all these inquiries, but there is not enough time between now and 10/1/2017 for a newly awarded contractor's employees to begin and complete this process. Only Career Staff Unlimited's current employees can furnish pharmacist services on 10/1/2017 because they are currently cleared to work at VAPSHCS Seattle and American Lake locations.

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

The previous acquisition, VA260-12-Q-0329, was open to all vendors with Federal Supply Schedules (FSS) for Temporary Help Services providing Pharmacists. Eighteen companies responded. Career Staff Unlimited LLC was awarded a contract under Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) V797P-7336A. Task Order V797P-7336A VA260-12-F-0576 awarded on March 2, 2012 effective April 1, 2012 for a base year plus four (4) Option Years (April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2017). V797P-7336A VA260-12-F-0576 P00009, FAR 52.217-8, exercised a six (6) month extension awarded on March 8, 2017 period of performance April 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017. The original order was NOT issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

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

A new solicitation with a contract award starting on October 1, 2017 will not allow enough time to screen, select, and train new Pharmacists in VAPSHCS procedures, process new Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards, and complete background investigations. Selecting a new contractor company for services October 1, 2017 would result in the potential new Pharmacists not being able to access the VA Veterans Pharmacy records beginning on day 1 of new contract; therefore, prescriptions would need to be processed by commercial pharmacies at additional cost to the government and inconvenience and delays to the veteran. The VA would be paying for pharmacists that could not fulfil prescriptions.

(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:

Market research reveals the anticipated cost for a Bridge Task Order with Career Staff Unlimited, LLC is fair and reasonable, and that market research provides the basis for this determination. The anticipated price for Career Staff Unlimited, LLC pharmacists is _____ per hour. Market research utilizing eBuy reveals Pharmacists cost a high of \$109.23 and a low of \$67.00 per hour. Career Staff Unlimited LLC is within the market price.

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SDVOSB: A-Team Solutions, LLC: Pharmacist – General/PharmaD Per Hour.
SDVOSB: Advance Professional Resources I – Pharmacist PharmaD Per Hour.
SDVOSB: Caduceus Healthcare Inc Pharmacist Per Hour.
SDVOSB: Donald L. Mooney Enterprises, LLC DBA: Nurses etc Per Hour.
SDVOSB: Loyal Source Government Services Pharmacist – Chief of Pharmacy/Pharmacist Director
Per Hour.
VOSB: Ghost RX, Inc Pharmacist Per Hour

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

Market Research has been conducted among schedule holders and via Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) looking for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses that can provide Pharmacist services. Results:

eBuy Sources Sought July 13, 2017 responses due July 19, 2017

FedBizOpps Sources Sought July 13, 2017 responses due July 19, 2017

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

VAPSHCS Human Resources has had a difficult time recruiting and retaining Civil Service pharmacists.

Pharmacy clinical workload is increasing in both volume and complexity. Programs such as CHOICE, anticoagulation and other pharmacy specialty clinics, Hepatitis C patient monitoring and the increasing numbers of manufacturers' drug shortages and VA contract changes with the resulting drug conversions make it critical to maintain adequate pharmacy coverage.

(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:

A Contract Specialist is processing the new follow-on long-term solicitation. Market Research already reveals that a single Task Order can be made to a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB)/Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB). The intended contract period is a base year, plus four (4) one-year options (firm fixed price).

A six (6) month bridge Task Order with Career Staff Unlimited LLC will allow uninterrupted Pharmacist services from October 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 for VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) Seattle, WA and VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS) – American Lake Division, Lakewood, WA while the new acquisition continues through the solicitation process. The additional time will also result in the potential new contractor's pharmacists having time for completing VETPRO Credentialing and Privileging, Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Cards, and background investigations.

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(9) 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. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of Federal Supply Schedule contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4

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Director

Pharmacy & Nutritional Care

NAME

TITLE

SERVICE LINE/SECTION

VA Puget Sound Health Care System

FACILITY

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE [VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP](#):

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required IAW FAR 8.405-6(c)(2)(ix)): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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b. One Level Above the Contracting Officer (Required Above \$150K to \$700K): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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