

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)  
For  
Other Than Full and Open Competition

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA248-17-AP-18501

1. **Contracting Activity:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Network Contracting Office 8 (NCO 8)  
10,000 Bay Pines Blvd.  
Bldg.2, Room 325  
Bay Pines, FL 33744

2237 # 516-17-4-5105-1676

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Network Contracting Organization – 8 (NCO-8) anticipates the sole source award of a firm-fixed price contract to repair a steam pipe feeding build 102 and sewer line break in the emergency department, building 100 at the C.W. Bill Young VAMC, Bay Pines, FL.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Contractor shall provide all parts, materials, services, specialty services, supervision, and testing to repair an underground steam line and a sewer line break at the Bay Pines VA Health Care System located at 10000 Bay Pines Blvd, Bay Pines, FL 33744. The estimated value of this requirement is \$162,954.00

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
- (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;

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

The Emergency Room at C.W. Bill Young VAMC is a high patient traffic area and vital to the delivery of care. An eroded pipe joint in the sewer line running under the Emergency Department has caused raw sewage to back up into the patient exam rooms via each rooms' drain. This condition has caused a partial shutdown of patient care areas within the Emergency Department. As the

Emergency Department is a high use patient care area within the Hospital it is paramount to make emergency repairs and resume normal operations.

The steam line feeding building 102 veterans' domiciliary ruptured during a routine shutdown. The steam line is a vital component to quality of care in the domiciliary. Without steam veterans, cannot take hot showers and the kitchen serving 102 can only minimally function. Hot water an essential building function to provide the appropriate level of care for residents of building 102. Emergency repairs are to be made to the steam line to restore essential functions to building 102.

Cherokee 8A Group has active presence on the Bay Pines campus and has shown the ability to handle emergency plumbing type issues. Their record of successful emergency repairs is why Cherokee 8A Group was selected to make the emergency repairs.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** Due to the emergent nature of the required repairs this work was sole sourced to Cherokee 8A Group in order to greatly expedite the repairs and lessen the impact to Veterans' care.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The contracting officer's anticipates an agreement between Government and The Cherokee 8a Group, Inc. will result in a Fair and Reasonable Price.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** The VIP database was queried in accordance with VAAR 810.001, Market research policy. The Cherokee 8a Group, Inc. is listed in the CVE database as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** As the delivery of healthcare services is essential to the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs the sewer line and steam line repairs must be treated as urgent requirements in order to mitigate the impact to the delivery of care.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** N/A
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, by their vary occurrence emergency requirements cannot be planned for in advance.
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.

10/4/2017

**X** Heather Brauer

Heather Brauer  
Assistant Chief Engineer  
Signed by: Heather N. Brauer 213610

Heather Brauer  
Assistant Chief Engineering Service

10/4/2017  
Date

**13. 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.

  
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Thomas Lucas  
Contracting Officer  
NCO 8

10/5/2017  
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Date