

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA263-17-C-0020 P00004

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network-23 Contracting Office, Warren E. Burger Federal Building and Federal U.S. Court House Suite 506, 316 Robert Street N. St. Paul, MN 55101. Ref: 2237# 618-18-1-4002-0049 (vendor: Colonial Federal Healthcare, LLC.)

2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:**

The purpose of this Justification is to exercise Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 52.217-8 Option to Extend Audiology Technician Services at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS). This will be awarded as a modification to contract VA263-17-C-0020 P00004 to extend for six (6) months. The type of contract is a Firm-Fixed Price contract.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**

The VISN 23 Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) has a requirement for contractor provided Audiology Technician Services. Previous services were performed on contract VA263-17-C-0020 by Colonial Federal Healthcare LLC.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 USC 3304(a)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 6.302-1 entitled "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements."

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

There is an urgent need to contract for the necessary Audiology Technician Services to the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS). The contractor (Colonial Federal Healthcare LLC). Is currently providing these services to the (MVAHCS). It is in the best interest of the MVAHCS to ensure continuity of direct patient care until a long-term Audiology Technician Services contract is awarded or a permanent employee can be hired.

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

The (MVAHCS) will be submitting a new package to NCO23 for competitive solicitation for these services, and NCO23 is in the process of soliciting and awarding a new contract.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:**

The current contractor (Colonial Federal Healthcare LLC). is agreeable to extending their current service to the facility for six (6) months under the previously negotiated terms and price.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**

There is insufficient time to solicit, award and mobilize any other contractor for this requirement. (Colonial Federal Healthcare LLC). is the current contractor providing services.

9. **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:**

No further action is required. The Network Contracting Office is currently in the process of a competitive solicitation for these services.

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.

Lynda Dent
Contracting Officer Representative (COR)
Minneapolis VA Health Care System

10. **Approvals in accordance with the [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.

Daniel Vagts
Contracting Officer
NCO 23