

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification for Single Source Awards IAW FAR 13.106-1
For
Over Micro-Purchase Threshold but Not Exceeding the SAT (\$150K)

Acquisition Plan Action ID: VA247-17-AP-10225

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 07, Charlie Norwood Medical Center; 2237# 509-18-1-065-0002
2. **Brief Description of Supplies/ Services required and the intended use/Estimated Amount:**
The virtual pharmacy services contract would provide prescription processing during after-hours and holidays for supplemental processing capacity when covering CNVAMC because of staffing issues. Pharmacists working virtually, use the remote charting system to process CNVAMC patient prescriptions. These services prevent harmful delays to patients receiving medications and is critical to pharmacy operations.
3. **Unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, with the reason no other supplies or services can be used:** ELM Pharmacy is the only contractor able to provide the volume of prescription processing required by CNVAMC. Other sources do not have VA trained, CPRS EMR certified personnel at the levels capable of maintaining the volume necessary.
4. **Description of market research conducted and results or statement why it was not conducted:**
This is a sole source urgent & compelling requirement which will be awarded to the incumbent, ELM Pharmacy Services. ELM's continued services will avoid disruption of virtual services while allowing time to procure long-term services.
5. **Contracting Officer's Certification:** *Purchase is approved in accordance with FAR13.106-1(b). I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.*
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Brigitte Huffin
Contracting Officer

Date 10/31/2017