

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-0019 P00003

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# 618-18-1-4002-0050 (vendor: (JIT) Just In Time Staffing, Inc.)

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-0019 P00003 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-0019 by Just In Time Staffing, Inc. Period of Performance is 12-12-17 through 06-11-2018 for the total dollar amount of \$87,298.00.

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 a continued need to contract for the necessary Audiology Technician Services to the Minneapolis VA Health Care System MVAHCS. The contractor (Just In Time Staffing (JIT) 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. The MVAHCS will be submitting a new package to NCO23 for competitive solicitation for these services.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A notice of intent to sole source will be posted to FBO.

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

The current contractor (Just In Time Staffing, Inc.) 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:**

Because the government is in the process of soliciting for another contract "For reasons listed above Market Research was not conducted."

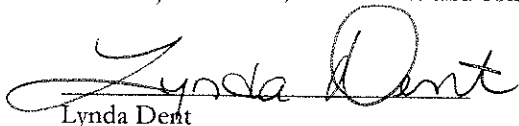
9. **Any other facts:** FAR 52.217-8 is included in the contract

10. **Listing of Sources:** Just In Time Staffing, Inc.

11. **A statement of 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.

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.



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

13. **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.

10-31-2017

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Daniel Vagts  
Contracting Officer  
NCO 23