

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval


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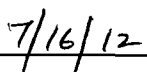
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, Wilkes Barre Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition 2237 693-12-4-218-0121
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The Agency requires an unusual and compelling urgency, short-term procurement for community based primary care services (CBOC, community based outpatient clinic) in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. Alley Medical Center is currently providing these services under a six-month extension of a five year contract, V244P-0187, which expires on 31 July 2012. The action will be awarded as a new contract. The contract will be a firm-fixed price indefinite delivery indefinite quantity.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The Agency requires primary care services for eligible veteran patients residing in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. The period of performance will be from 1 August 2012 through 31 January 2013 with two three-month option periods to extend performance not to exceed one-year. The method of reimbursement will be a capitated rate, specifically an estimated per member per month rate of [REDACTED]. The estimated number of enrollees is 1,702. The estimate cost is [REDACTED] for six months and [REDACTED] for each option period. The estimated total cost is [REDACTED].
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;
 - (X) (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 nature of this acquisition requires the use of the Unusual and Compelling Urgency authority as follows. Alley Medical Center is currently performing under a six-month extension of a five-year contract, V244P-01087, which expires on 31 July 2012. The procurement package for a new contract for a base year and four one-year option periods is being prepared; however, a new contract will not be awarded prior to the expiration of the current contract. The Agency was evaluating non-contracting options to provide the required services, including the use of community fee basis; however, the decision was made to pursue a contract due to the high number of enrollees. Alley Medical Center currently occupies

space, employs the necessary professional and administrative staff to the requirements and has in place the complete medical record data base to maintain the healthcare service to the veterans residing in Columbia County. Alley Medical Center's professional and administrative staff are currently credentialed and have completed the necessary background investigations. No other primary care provider in Columbia County is credentialed by the Wilkes Barre Veteran Affairs Medical Center. The VA credentialing process takes an average of ninety days to complete the credentialing and privileging process for independent providers and thirty days to credentialing dependent providers. Alley Medical Center can continue providing service without interruption or cessation of primary health services which supports the VA's primary mission. Without a short-term contract, an established CBOC would close and approximately 1,750 veterans would have to obtain their primary care benefits elsewhere. The VA would then need to procure their healthcare services through the community fee basis program, which would impact continuity of care.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** It is impractical to solicit other sources as the estimated start-up time for the requirement is ninety days. In addition to the credentialing and security requirements, any potential source would need to have the necessary space and equipment that could interface with the VA's electronic medical records system by 1 August 2012. The Contracting Office did post an Intent to Sole Source notice to FBO.gov on 10 July 2012 with responses due by 13 July 2012. No responses were received.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The anticipated cost is determined to be fair and reasonable to the Government based on the previous negotiated contract prices paid for the same service.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market research was not conducted, as stated above. Due to the complex requirements, including a ninety day start-up period, it was determined that locating additional other sources is impractical.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Approval of this justification is necessary to ensure healthcare services are not discontinued or disrupted pending award of a new contract.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None.
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:** The solicitation for the long term contract will be issued on a competitive basis.
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.

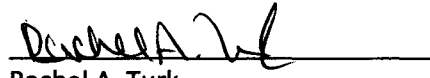

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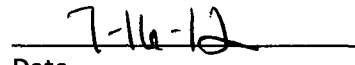

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Chief, Primary Care Services
Wilkes Barre VAMC

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

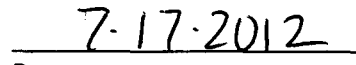
- a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Rachel A. Turk
Contracting Officer
Wilkes Barre VAMC


Date

- b. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.


Dianne E. Smith
Acting, Supervisory Contract Specialist
VISN 4


Date