

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 19, Denver VA Medical Center, 1055 Clermont Street, Denver, CO

The Rocky Mountain Network Contracting Center (RMCCC), 4100 E. Mississippi Ave, Suite 900, Glendale, CO. Contracting Officer: Danny Freeman; Contracting Specialist: Adina Torberntsson.

This is a Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition.

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

This contracting activity proposes to negotiate a new firm fixed-price short term contract with HCSG Cardiovascular Resources Inc. (also known as SpecialtyCare Inc.). A long term contract of one base year and four option years will be competed once a short term contract is put into place.

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

This requirement is to provide perfusion services to patients at the Denver VAMC. The current contract (VA259-P-0243) will expire on July 31, 2012. It has been determined to not be in the Government's best interest to exercise the option period on that contract. For this reason, there will not be a contractual vehicle in place by August 1, 2012. On August 1, 2012 several patients are scheduled for open heart surgery. A sole source award for a short term contract is being proposed to the incumbent contractor, HCSG Cardiovascular Resources Inc., in order to ensure continuity of services for patient care. At this time HCSG Cardiovascular Resources Inc. is the only perfusion provider in Denver who is currently credentialed with the Denver VA Medical Center (Denver VAMC). At this time the Denver VAMC is unable to expedite the credentialing of another provider prior to the scheduled surgery on August 1, 2012. The total estimated cost for this procurement is \$143,398.60 for a six month period.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition: 41 U.S.C. 253(c) (5) as implemented by FAR 6.302-2 Unusual and Compelling Urgency.

- ☐ (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 statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR Part 6.302-2 Unusual and Compelling Urgency. Due to the lack of time to credential a perfusion provider, prior to a scheduled open heart surgery on August 1, 2012, a sole source award will be issued to HCSG Cardiovascular Resources Inc.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure That Offers Are Solicited From As Many Potential Sources As Deemed Practicable:

No efforts were made to solicit other sources due to the urgent nature of this procurement.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated cost to the Government Will be Fair and Reasonable:

The Contracting Officer has conducted market research as to how much this service should cost on a per hour basis. A pricing proposal has been requested from the Contractor. This pricing will be negotiated by the Contracting Officer. A price negotiation memorandum will be included in the file to document this.

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

Market research was conducted, and perfusion services are listed on the Federal Supply Schedule. The Contracting Officer has been notified by the VISN Director that the Denver VAMC will be unable to credential a new perfusion provider prior to August 1, 2012. The Chief of Staff for the Denver VAMC has also notified the Contracting Officer that several other patients are scheduled during the month of August, and one of them will have to flown to Denver from Kansas. Due to the lack of time to credential a perfusionist, this procurement is urgent and compelling.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other Than Full and Open Competition:

There are no other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.


10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, In Writing, and Interest in the Acquisition:

None due to urgent and compelling nature of procurement.

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:

As discussed above, since this is an urgent and compelling acquisition there is not enough time to try to remove barriers to competition.

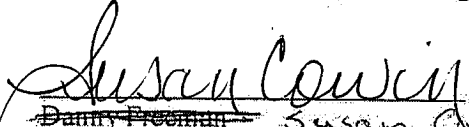
12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Dr. Thomas Whitehill
Chief of Surgery
Denver VA Medical Center

07/30/2012
Date


13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304:

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


~~Danny Freeman~~ Susan Cowin
~~Deputy Network Contract Manager~~ / Contract Officer
NCO 19, Denver, Colorado

7/31/12
Date

- b. NCM/PCM: I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.


Deputy ~~Curtis Jordan~~ Gary Anwood
Network Contract Manager
NCO 19, Denver, CO

7/30/12
Date