

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval For Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contract Office 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 115 South 84th Street, Suite 101, Milwaukee, WI 53214.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** Justification and approval for Other Than Full and Open Competition for the procurement of an Asbestos Abatement, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contract, for the Edward Hines Jr (Hines), VA Hospital, Hines, Illinois. Award of a new firm-fixed price contract is anticipated. This procurement will proceed on a sole source basis with Celtic Environmental, Inc. (Celtic). Estimated value of the IDIQ Contract is \$500,000.00 IAW VAAR 819.7008. The intent of this procurement is to provide Asbestos Abatement services for Task Orders that encompass asbestos abatement and miscellaneous hazardous material removal at the facility.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Hines has the need for an Asbestos Abatement-Environmental Remediation contractor to complete various abatement/remediation projects of various dollar amounts. An open-ended indefinite-delivery-indefinite quantity type contract that encompasses these services for the facility is needed.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
FAR 6.302.5: Authorized or Required by Statute
PL 109-461.

() (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
(X) (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):** Celtic is a CVE verified Veteran-Owned Small-Business (VOSB) as registered in VetBiz. They are physically located in the state of Illinois, and licensed to operate in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. They specialize in remediating asbestos containing materials, mitigating lead paint and mold/water damage. They also provide insulation remediation and re-insulation of mechanical systems. They do general construction and demolition and have worked for agency, government, educational, healthcare, corporate, and private clients since 2003. Celtic has expressed a willingness to mobilize with minimal advanced notification and meet the immediate needs of VA. Celtic has also expressed the willingness to perform at VA facilities in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A search for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small-Businesses in the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin was performed under NAICS Code 562910 – Remediation Services was performed in VetBiz. Eleven (11) SDVOSB firms were identified, of those listed, two (2) were no longer in business, six (6) do not provide Asbestos Abatement services, two (2) are not licensed. One (1) CVE Verified SDVOSB (Tropical Environmental) is licensed to perform Asbestos Abatement in IL, IN, & WI. However, Tropical currently holds an Asbestos Abatement Monitoring IDIQ contract, thus creating a conflict of interest and making them ineligible for the award of an ACM Remediation contract. The search parameters were expanded to include CVE verified, Veteran-Owned Small-Businesses (VOSB), that are registered in SAM and VIP, are located in the state of Illinois, have the ability to self-perform, and are licensed by the state of Illinois to perform under NAICS Code 562910 – Remediation Services. That search revealed two (2) VOSB firms. Further research revealed that Abel Plus is not registered in SAM.Gov, and a search of the FPDS database revealed that Abel Plus has never been the recipient of a government contract.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable** Rates will be established for various remediation work elements. VISN 12 has utilized this type of contract and has historical cost information that will be utilized for cost comparisons. Additionally, cost proposals for individual Task Orders will be evaluated and negotiated to assure the cost will be fair and reasonable to the Government.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** See Section 6
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Satisfactory prior experience with VA. Utilizing Celtic will assist and contribute to the overall VISN goals for VOSB utilization.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: N/A

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: None

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.

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.

Mark Graveline
Contracting Officer
NCO-12

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

Jeff Gerbensky
Branch Chief
NCO-12

VETBIZ Search of SDVOSB Contractors in IL, IN, & WI for NAICS 562910 Environmental Consulting

Company	DUNS	Performs Abatement	SAM	Phone	Contact Person
B-Next Construction Inc.	035837314	OUT OF BUSINESS			
Baize Engineering Corp	104007658	NO			
E.R. Bakey Inc.	600969906	NO			
Environmental Monitoring & Tech	115383556	NO			
Glacierpure Inc.	086638975	NO			
Lorton Group LLC	962335357	NO			
Master Design Build LLC	832434299	Not Licensed	YES	224-265-0088	Javier Delatore
The Apelago Group LLC	079208423	NO			
Tiger Solutions Intl. LLC	808490614	OUT OF BUSINESS			
Tropical Environmental Inc.	147211309	YES	YES	847-658-2900	Steve Haines
US Veterans Contracting Services	080380048	Not Licensed	YES	630-788-8441	Chris Kembel

VETBIZ Search of VOSB Contractors in IL for NAICS 562910 Environmental Consulting

Company	DUNS	Performs Abatement	SAM	Phone	Contact Person
Abel Plus Services Inc.	833031417	YES	NO	847-961-4003	Paul
Celtic Environmental Inc.	627225324	YES	YES	312-404-9403	Joe Smrz

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B-NEXT CONSTRUCTION, INC.

DBA:
DUNS: 035837314
Location: JOLIET, IL
Phone: (815) 723-0846
Email: sfooster@bnextconstruction.com
Web:
Last Verified: 9/22/2015
Expiration Date: 9/22/2018

Baize Engineering Corp

DBA:
DUNS: 104007658
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Phone: (317) 843-2867
Email: j-baize@sbcglobal.net
Web:
Last Verified: 9/20/2016
Expiration Date: 9/20/2019

E.R. BAKEY INC.

DBA:
DUNS: 600969906
Location: Carpentersville, IL
Phone: (847) 464-5700
Email: ericbakey@erbakey.com
Web: <http://www.erbakey.com>
Last Verified: 11/19/2015
Expiration Date: 11/19/2018

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING and TECHNOLOGIES, INC

DBA:
DUNS: 115383556
Location: MORTON GROVE, IL
Phone: (847) 324-3306
Email: mgower@emt.com
Web: <http://www.emt.com>
Last Verified: 4/21/2016
Expiration Date: 4/21/2019

Glacierpure, Inc.

DBA:
DUNS: 086638975
Location: Algonquin, IL
Phone: (847) 902-0319
Email: Terry.Aylesworth@glacierpure.net
Web: <http://www.glacierpure.net>
Last Verified: 5/2/2017
Expiration Date: 5/2/2020

Lorton Group, LLC

DBA:
DUNS: 962335357
Location: Wilmette, IL
Phone: (844) 352-5089

Email: mhatton@lortongroup.com
Web: <http://www.lortongroup.com>
Last Verified: 3/17/2017
Expiration Date: 3/17/2020



Master Design Build, LLC

DBA:
DUNS: 832434299
Location: Chicago, IL
Phone: (224) 265-0088
Email: javier@masterdesignbuild.com
Web: <http://masterdesignbuild.com>
Last Verified: 4/17/2018
Expiration Date: 4/17/2021



The Apelago Group LLC

DBA:
DUNS: 079208423
Location: Altona, IL
Phone: (708) 286-1226
Email: alarson@apelagogroup.com
Web: <http://www.apelagogroup.com/>
Last Verified: 12/24/2015
Expiration Date: 12/24/2018



TIGER SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL, LLC

DBA:
DUNS: 808490614
Location: Indianapolis, IN
Phone: (317) 383-7324
Email: gregm@tigersolutionsinternational.com
Web: <http://www.tigersolutionsinternational.com>
Last Verified: 8/23/2016
Expiration Date: 8/23/2019



Tropical Environmental, Inc.

DBA:
DUNS: 147211309
Location: Algonquin, IL
Phone: (847) 658-2900
Email: info@tropicalenvironmental.com
Web: <http://www.tropicalenvironmental.com>
Last Verified: 3/4/2016
Expiration Date: 3/4/2019



US Veteran Contracting Services, Inc.

DBA:
DUNS: 080380048
Location: Saint Charles, IL
Phone: (630) 788-8441
Email: usveterancontractingservices@gmail.com
Web:
Last Verified: 9/29/2017
Expiration Date: 9/29/2020

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Abel Plus Services Incorporated

DBA:

DUNS: 833031417

Location: Gilberts, IL

Phone: (847) 961-4003

Email: paul@abelplusservices.com

Web:

Last Verified: 10/25/2017

Expiration Date: 10/25/2020

Celtic Environmental Inc.

DBA:

DUNS: 627225324

Location: Chicago Ridge, IL

Phone: (312) 404-9403

Email: joe@celticenvironmental.com

Web: http://www.celticenvironmental.com

Last Verified: 7/15/2016

Expiration Date: 7/15/2019

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