

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
Other Than Full and Open Competition for Gait Lab Testing Laboratory Services and Construction
Administration Services

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 19, 6162 South Willow Dr., Suite 300, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, on behalf of the Salt Lake City VAMC. The Department of Veterans Affairs proposes to enter into a contract on the basis of other than full and open competition for the completion of the Gait Lab Testing Laboratory Services and Construction Administration Services at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center located in Salt Lake City, UT.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This is a new procurement and the contract contemplated will be firm fixed price to procure for the campus at the Salt Lake City VA Medical Center . The estimated project value is [REDACTED]
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The B.08 Gait Lab Addition Concrete Masonry Walls (CMU) were constructed improperly and a Corrected Wall design is required prior to work recommencing and completion of the structure. Without the design and implementation of the Corrected Wall Design, the structure cannot be completed. Provide Structural Engineering Services for the Gait Lab Wall Corrections in Salt Lake City, Utah. The structural engineering services will include a detailed fix for Lintels, relocation of the control joints in the East Wall, horizontal joint reinforcement in all walls, vertical steel reinforcement in all walls, and review of submittals for these new structural elements. In addition, visits to the site to observe the new construction for general conformance with the construction documents. Include the design calculations and structural details for all new structural features. Materials testing and special inspections are also included in the scope.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(c) (1), as implemented by FAR 6.302.1
 - () (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):** Title 38 U.S.C. 8127 (b), (c) and (d) provide the authority for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) contracting officers (COs) to make awards to Service-disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) firms and Veteran-owned small business (VOSB) firms using other than full and open competition when certain conditions are met. With respect to the current action the conditions have been met and there is Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition. In accordance with the Veterans First Contracting Program and the Authority under 38 USC 8127-8128 (Sections 502 and 503 of Public Law (P.L.) 109-461), FAR Part 6.302-5(b) (6), and VAAR 819.7007, the Government intends to negotiate a sole source contract to a SDVOSB.

Triple C – The A&E Group is a SDVOSB that has provided these A/E services on the prior contract VA259-13-C-0123. Triple C – The A&E Group has the facility knowledge and the expert staff to complete the work

as needed. In Accordance with the Veterans First Contracting Program and the Authority under 38 USC 8127-8128 (Sections 502 and 503 of Public Law ((P.L.) 109-461), FAR Part 6.302-5(b)(6), and VAAR 819.7007, the Government intends to negotiate a sole source contract to a SDVOSB.

By awarding sole source to Triple C – The A&E Group, who is currently performing on station, the Government will reduce time through Triple C – The A&E Group's knowledge of the Salt Lake City, UT VAMC campus and the Gait Lab specifically.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable Not Applicable

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable The proposal from Triple C – The A&E Group for [REDACTED] Govt. IGCE. The proposal from Triple C – The A&E Group is determined fair and reasonable based on comparison with the IGCE and in the best interest of the Government.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted: FAR Part 10 directs that market research be conducted on each acquisition appropriate to the circumstances. Market research was conducted on the original award, VA259-13-C-0123. No market research was conducted for this acquisition. Due to the time sensitive, urgent issue and the limited availability of contractors in the immediate area supplying this type of service, Triple C – The A&E Group was the only SDVOSB firm determined capable of providing the service at this time.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition: See Section 3 above.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition: See Section 6 above.

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: Barriers to competition should not be an issue on future procurements.

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.

a. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

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

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