

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval (J&A)
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

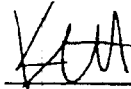
Acquisition Plan Action ID: 36C256-18-AP-2941

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 16, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS); 2237: 629-18-4-639-0621
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** New firm-fixed price construction contract to perform field investigation alongside the installation of cardiac laser outlets and custom built floor pedestal outlet boxes in the six (6) Medical Center's Cardiac Cath Lab/Hybrid Operating Rooms.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Construction Services for providing and installing six (6) 208v-volt GFCI cardiac cath laser circuits and six (6) floor mounted outlet pedestal boxes with isolated power receptacles in the Medical Center's Cardiac Cath Lab/Hybrid Operating Room. The Estimated Construction Cost is [REDACTED] and the Period of Performance is 45 Calendar Days after receipt of the Notice-To-Proceed.
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;
 - () (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):** VAAR 819.7007 Sole Source Awards to a Verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, permits a sole source award to a verified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) and that a determination that only one SDVOSB can meet the requirement is not required. FAR 6.302-5 Authorized or Required by Statute, Paragraph (b)(6), authorizes sole source awards under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 (15 U.S.C. 657f).
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A new Cardiac Cath Lab/Hybrid Operating Room is scheduled to become operational at the SLVHCS in November 2018. In-order-to make the room fully operational by November 2018 additional power outlets must be installed for newly acquired cardiac lasers and custom built floor pedestals must be installed to properly cover needed floor penetrations that will

also provide additional isolated power recepticals for use by surgical equipment. In order to protect patients from accidental electrocution the laser outlets must be installed using GFCI breakers and the floor pedestals must be installed with properly isolated power receptacles. The floor pedestals also provide a location for mounting power recepticals near the surgical envelope without the use of extension cords. This work is specialized beyond typical commercial electrical work as it involves working with isolated power panels and lead shielding. Market Research was conducted by the undersigned Contracting Officer and an SDVOSB verified contractor under NAICS Code 236220 was selected. The company selected has a long history of working at the SLVHCS and has the necessary internal administrative and functional expertise to get the work accomplished and the necessary subcontractors needed to supplement their workforce. It is anticipated that any future requirements of this same nature will be fully competed under SDVOSB Set-Aside procedures.

7. **Determination by the CO that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** It is anticipated that a fair and reasonable price can be negotiated with a Sole Source SDVOSB. In addition to obtaining a bottom-line price from the SDVOSB Contractor that can be compared to the Independent Government Cost Estimate (which was derived using RSMeans Facilities Construction Costs Book and the Engineering Team's combined knowledge of similar electrical work in the past), the contractor will also be asked to provide a price breakdown of the following cost elements (that will further assist the Contracting Officer and Project Engineer/Contracting Officer Representative (COR) in their price analysis: Labor (Direct & Indirect), Materials & Equipment, Subcontractor Cost, Other Direct Costs, Overhead Expenses, Indirect Cost, General & Administrative (G&A) Expenses, Profit, and Bond. With the detailed cost element breakdown information being provided the the contractor, the undersigned is fully confident that a fair and reasonable price can be negotiation and arrived at with the contractor.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** An SDVOSB search utilizing the VetBiz Registry Vendor Information Pages (VIP) under NAICS Code 236220 was conducted and revealed 249 SDVOSB Contractors in the total combined States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas. From this list, the undersigned identified SDVOSB Contractors whom Network Contracting Office 16 has worked with at the SLVHCS. After this, and after consultation with the SLVHCS' Engineering Service, a firm was identified whom the undersigned knows has key personnel who are very familiar with the medical center and its operations and who already have key personnel badged (background checked). In addition, a firm was identified who has a strong presence in the New Orleans Construction Market and has a numerous electrical subcontractors they work with on a frequent basis.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None
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:** It is fully anticipated any any future electrical requirements of this nature will be fully competed as an SDVOSB Set-Aside using Open Market or Construction IDIQ procedures.
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.



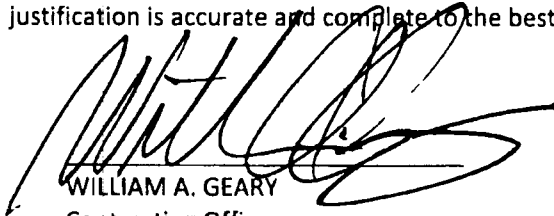
KRISTEN L. RUSSELL
Chief of Engineering
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System

8/31/18

Date

13. Approvals:

- a. **Contracting Officer or Designee'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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Contracting Officer
Network Contracting Office (NCO) 16

08/31/2018

Date