

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
260 Industrial Way West
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. **Description of Action:** The proposed action is for a one (1) year, Firm-Fixed-Price contract for computer programming services to upgrade the existing Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) capabilities and functionality for the VA Office of Information and Technology (OIT) Quality, Performance and Oversight (QPO).
3. **Description of the Supplies or Services:** The purpose of this proposed action is to provide computer programming services to upgrade existing ERM functionality an existing spreadsheet application to enable the recording, registering, monitoring, reporting, evaluating, and modeling of risks for the VA through a web-enabled application. The Contractor shall provide computer programming services which include, project management, reporting, system analysis, data management, application development, web development, documentation, training and testing support for the required application. The VA Assistant Secretary for OIT and Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) is the Executive sponsor of this effort. The new application will serve as the OIT ERM risk register system. In support of the shared corresponding need to establish ERM, the system will support the risk management needs of Veterans Health Administration (VHA), as well as the reporting and monitoring processes required by executive leadership. The OIT ERM risk registry program will have a core set of tools paramount to support the developed set of actionable processes, tasks, and activities, as currently utilized by the OIT ERM. The total estimated price for this proposed action is
4. **Statutory Authority:** The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition for this acquisition is 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5), "when a statute expressly authorizes or requires that the acquisition be made through another agency or from a specified source," as implemented by FAR 6.302-5. For this action, 38 U.S.C. 8127(c), known as the Veterans First Contracting Program, provides the authority to directly contract with a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB).
5. **Reason for Authority Cited:** The proposed source for this action is SBG Technology Solutions, Incorporated (SBG), 2 Brittany Lane, Stafford, Virginia, a registered and verified SDVOSB by the VA Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE). SBG possesses the requisite capabilities, knowledge and expertise to provide the aforementioned computer programming services required. SBG has

proven that it has the necessary capabilities to meet all of the Government's requirements. SBG possesses the application knowledge and technical expertise required to complete this project. Furthermore, in September 2012, SBG provided a Capabilities Statement which demonstrated its ability to meet all of the Government's aforementioned requirements. Based on the above information, the Government has determined that SBG is capable of meeting all of VA's requirements.

6. **Efforts to Obtain Competition:** Market research was conducted and the details are contained in the market research section of this document in paragraph 8 below. Additionally, consistent with the guidelines of the Veterans First Contracting Program, the proposed action described herein will be synopsized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page in accordance with FAR Part 5.
7. **Actions to Increase Competition:** All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis to determine any future acquisition strategy.
8. **Market Research:** Market research was conducted by searching the VetBiz.gov database on September 12, 2012 to determine if SBG is a SDVOSB. This search concluded that SBG is registered and verified as an SDVOSB in the VetBiz.gov database and qualifies as a small business in accordance with federal small business size standards for the applicable North American Industry Classification System code 541511. Additionally, a search in the System for Award Management (SAM) performed on September 12, 2012 showed that SBG is registered as a SDVOSB. Based on this market research, the Government's technical experts have determined that SBG is a SDVOSB and can meet all of the Government's requirements.
9. **Other Facts:** The Procuring Contracting Officer has determined that this procurement meets all the requirements of statute 38 U.S.C. 8127(c). This procurement is below the \$5,000,000.00 threshold; SBG has been determined to be a responsible SDVOSB; and a fair and reasonable price will offer the best value to the Government.

10. Technical and Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Richard Thompson

Date: _____

9/14/2012

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Program Manager

Signature: _____

11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable based on the Independent Government Cost Estimate and price analysis.

Kevin Loesch

Date: 9/14/2012

Procuring Contracting Officer Signature: Kevin Loesch

12. Procuring Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kevin Loesch

Date: 9/14/2012

Procuring Contracting Officer Signature: Kevin Loesch

13. Legal Sufficiency Certification: I have reviewed this justification and approval and find it adequate to support other than full and open competition and deem it legally sufficient.

Vincent H. Buonocore

Date: 9/14/2012

Legal Counsel

Signature: Vincent Buonocore

Approval

As the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate and based on the foregoing justification, I hereby approve a one (1) year, Firm-Fixed-Price contract for computer programming services to upgrade the existing Enterprise Risk Management capabilities and functionality on an other than full and open competition basis pursuant to the authority of 38 U.S.C. 8127(c), subject to availability of funds, and provided that the services described herein have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Iris B. Cooper
Head of the Contracting Activity