

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL  
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs  
Office of Acquisition Operations  
Technology Acquisition Center  
260 Industrial Way West  
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a three month, Firm-Fixed-Price contract for support services to the Bed Management System (BMS).
3. Description of Supplies or Services: The purpose of this proposed action is to provide support for the BMS application, which is part of the Secretary's Major Initiatives, specifically the Enhance Veteran Experience and Access to Healthcare Initiative. The BMS application is a real-time, user-friendly, web-based Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture interface to track patient movement, bed status, and determine bed availability. BMS can supply a facility with scheduled admissions, inpatient rosters, patient list by gender, Length of Stay, occupied or available beds, etc. In addition, it provides concurrent and retrospective performance feedback information that drives processes to expedite patient flow within, and between, Veteran Affairs Medical Centers. The proposed action will provide support services for the BMS to include database and program code performance monitoring, tuning, administration, and other tasks related to Help Desk Tier II and Tier III support services.
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. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: The proposed source for this action is SBG Technology Solutions, Inc. (SBG), 2 Brittany Lane, Stafford, Virginia, 22554, a registered and verified SDVOSB by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Veterans Enterprise. SBG is currently performing identical support services for VA and 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. In light of the above, the Government's technical experts have determined that SBG is capable of meeting all of the Government's requirements and is considered a responsible SDVOSB.
6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in the market research section of this document. Consistent with the guidelines of the Veterans First Contracting Program, the proposed action described herein will

be synopsisized on the Federal Business Opportunities Page in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation 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 20, 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 20, 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 proposed action meets all the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 8127(c). This acquisition is below the \$5,000,000.00 threshold, SBG is a responsible SDVOSB for performance of the services herein, and the proposed contract can be awarded at a fair and reasonable price.