

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center (TAC) - Austin
1701 Directors Boulevard Suite 600
Austin, Texas 78744
2. Description of Action: This proposed action is for a 12-month firm-fixed-price effort with one 12-month option for the enhancement of the current Healthcare-Associated Infections and Influenza Surveillance System (HAISS) Data Warehouse (HDW) to facilitate the extraction and transmission of current and additional data elements.
3. Description of Supplies or Services: The HDW is a fully-automated infection detection system, consisting of two integrated software systems: Vecna's QC PathFinder™ (QCP) and the Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE). The purpose of the HDW is to track healthcare associated infections and monitor infection trends. The proposed action is to provide enhancement to the existing HDW in the following ways:
 - a) Operationalize near real time population of the HDW, ESSENCE, and QCP data marts.
 - b) Modify existing Medical Domain Object (MDO)-based extraction framework to allow for extraction of all HDW required data as determined by the Office of Public Health (OPH) from the VistA source systems.
 - c) Develop the HDW to optimally populate future data marts, ESSENCE data marts, and QCP data marts. The solution shall address the lack of standardization and the variability of naming conventions across the VistA Domains.
 - d) Develop the Dashboard User Interface for HDW such that system performance, Extraction, Transfer and Load (ETL) activities and schedules can be monitored, new data marts can be developed from the warehouse, and existing data marts be modified or deleted.
 - e) Develop a strategy for a phased implementation of a cloud computing HDW environment that is Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) High compliant.

The total estimated price of the proposed action to include the option is

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4. Statutory Authority: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition for this acquisition is 41 U.S.C.3304(a)(5), "Authorized or Required by Statute", 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) or a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB).

5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: The proposed source for this action is Stanton W. Jones and Associates, 57 Post Street Suite 713, San Francisco, California. Stanton W. Jones and Associates is a certified SDVOSB and is technically qualified to provide the development and maintenance support of the HAISS Data Warehouse. Stanton W. Jones and Associates has demonstrated a high level of expertise in their project management credentials and experience. Stanton Jones and Associates also has experience in VA Data Warehouse development and repair.

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 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 10, 2012, to determine if Stanton W. Jones and Associates is a SDVOSB. This search concluded that Stanton W. Jones and Associates is registered and certified and qualifies as a SDVOSB in accordance with the federal small business size standard for the applicable North American Industry Classification System code 541512, Computer Systems Design Services. It was verified on September 11, 2012 that Stanton W. Jones and Associates is registered in the System for Award Management database and is eligible to receive a Government contract. The technical experts from the Office of Public Health Surveillance and Research (OPHSR) have determined that Stanton W. Jones and Associates is technically capable of meeting the Government's requirements for this effort.

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, Stanton W. Jones and Associates is a responsible SDVOSB for performance of the services herein, and the proposed contract can be awarded at a fair and reasonable price.