

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. Contracting Activity:

Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 8, *BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM* Medical Center
 Central Admixture Pharmacy-Service, Inc, (CAPs), VA2237: 516

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:

6-Month Bridge Renew of FY12 contract of Central Admixture Pharmacy-Service, Inc, (CAPs) consisting of Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) per bag and delivery charge per day. Period of Performance October 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. Total estimated cost TPN and delivery per year =

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:

Central Admixture Pharmacy-Service, Inc, (CAPs) is currently providing this service for BPVHCS. See further description in #5 below.

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;
- (x) (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
- () (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):

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (VAHCS) Pharmacy Service is requesting orders for admixture of Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) solutions with daily deliveries. A total of approximately seven (7) TPN will be purchased daily, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days per year. The estimated annual cost associated with this contract is Patient Specific TPN admixture is only available from one manufacturer/distributor in South Florida. Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) admixture and delivery service is provided by Central Admixture Pharmacy-Service, Inc, (CAPs) for hospitalized patients. Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) Service Division will prepare and guarantee daily deliveries for each individual TPN as requested by Pharmacy Service. This contract is necessary to provide Pharmacy Service with a cost-effective alternative to in-house production of TPN. It allows the Pharmacy Service to redistribute workload among pharmacy technicians previously assigned to TPN and IV admixture preparation. CAPS will assign an invoice number to each individual preparation order. That invoice number will match each individual TPN preparation and will be used by CAPS to prepare a monthly manifest for service rendered during each month. Each TPN could be an admixture of two or more of the products. The TPNs (Total Parenteral Nutrition) are administered to patients with poor nutritional profile. The cost to prepare (admixture) by the Bay Pines VAHCS Pharmacy is very high due to the staff involved and is extremely time consuming (man-hours). Pharmacy Service staff are overloaded due to shortage in staff (pharmacists and technicians). CAPS, Inc. is the only known source in South Florida that both prepares and delivers TPN and meets VHA, FDA and JCAHO admixture standards.

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b. Unusual and Compelling Urgency (FAR 6.302-2, 6.303-2(a)(9)(ii)) –

CAPS will need to renew for October 1, 2012 for Pharmacy operational to March 31, 2013, due to emergent need for this service. A new contract will be in place April 1, 2013. This bridge contract will allow BPVHCS 6 months to prepare a solicitation and perform market research seeking competition.

c. Industrial Mobilization; or Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability (FAR 6.302-3) –

CAPS has convenient Windows user interface.

d. Authorized or Required by Statute (FAR 6.302-5) –

There is no other vendor who is authorized to prepare and delivers TPN and meets VHA, FDA and JCAHO admixture standards.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

Bay Pines VAHCS Pharmacy Service will be soliciting competition to award a new contract to begin April 1, 2013. This is a bridge contract to allow the time needed to perform extensive market research to see if other vendors are available to provide this type of service.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:

CAPS, Inc. has quoted price of . . . per TPN bag and delivery charge . . . per day compare to the average cost of a TPN compounded in the IV room at the Bay Pines Pharmacy is . . .

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

Market Research was performed by Bay Pines Pharmacy Service using GSA, CCR, internet searches, and local telephone book. During our search, there weren't any vendors available to perform this 6-month service.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:

CAPS, Inc. is the only known source in Florida that both prepares and delivers TPN and meets VHA, FDA and JCAHO admixture standards. Due to the emergent need, not enough time is available to perform Full and Open Competition. Full and Open Competition will be performed and a contract will be awarded April 1, 2013.

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

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:

As stated above, this requirement will be put out for Full and Open Competition while the 6-month bridge contract is in place. A new contract will be awarded April 1, 2013 after Full and Open Competition has been performed.

11. 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.

Pharmacy Manager, CORs
Bay Pines VA Healthcare System

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12. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304 *This part is filled out by Contracting Staff as part of the Justification*

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

Name:
Contracting Officer
Facility: NCO-8 Bay Pines

9/29/12

Date

- b. **Product Line Supervisor (PLS):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name:
Contracting Supervisor
Facility: NCO-8 Bay Pines

9/29/12

Date

- c. **DNCM/NCM:** (SAT to \$500,000) I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Mitchell Thomas
Network Contract Manager
VISN 8

Date

- d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

Jeff Ryan
Director

Date

- e. **VHA HCA Review and Approval:** (over \$500,000) I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

HCA
Chief Procurement and Logistics Officer
VHA Head of Contracting Activity (HCA)

Date

- f. **VA Deputy Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$10 not exceeding \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Iris B. Cooper
Deputy Senior Procurement Executive (DSPE)
Office of Acquisition and Logistics
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date

- g. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

Jan R. Frye
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics
Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date