



Department of  
Veterans Affairs

# Memorandum

## **“Justification for other than full and open competition.”**

### **(1) Identification of the agency and the contracting activity,**

National Cemetery Administration, Ft Scott National Cemetery

### **(2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved.**

Sole source award of a Shrine Project: Raise/realign/clean headstones and replace turf

### **(3) A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency’s needs (including the estimated value).**

Raise/realign/clean headstones and replace turf in two sections at Ft Scott.

### **(4) An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.**

Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;

### **(5) A demonstration that the proposed contractor’s unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.**

This was solicited twice: SDVOSB and only 2 SDV proposed, but one had an incomplete package. The price was too high on the other. The SB RFP had the same SDV vendor propose and it was still too high, the RFP was canceled. Later another vendor said they would be interested in quoting, but when given the price range, decided not to give an offer. The original vendor was willing to negotiate if a start month could be set by him.

### **(6) A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable, including whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by [Subpart 5.2](#) and, if not, which exception under [5.202](#) applies.**

This was solicited twice on FBO once for all of February and the second time for 30 days.

### **(7) A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.**

The IGE was compared to past pricing of the same work at that same cemetery as well as Leavenworth and Ft Leavenworth.

**(8) A description of the market research conducted (see Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.**

See following pages for Market Research Report.

**(9) Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition, such as:**

**(i) Explanation of why technical data packages, specifications, engineering descriptions, statements of work, or purchase descriptions suitable for full and open competition have not been developed or are not available.**

(ii) When [6.302-1](#) is cited for follow-on acquisitions as described in [6.302-1\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#), an estimate of the cost to the Government that would be duplicated and how the estimate was derived.

(iii) When [6.302-2](#) is cited, data, estimated cost, or other rationale as to the extent and nature of the harm to the Government.

**(10) A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.**

Advanced Turf, Gateway to Ourdoors Solutions, LLC and USDCI.

**(11) A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.**

There was no barrier that could be removed. The job was small and the location rural.

**(12) Contracting officer certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief.**

Signed:

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Contracting Officer, Date