

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Limited Sources Justification For Federal Supply Schedules Award (FAR 8.4)

This action is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program.

1. IDENTIFY THE AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

This justification is executed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Office of Acquisition Operations (OAO), Acquisition Business Services (ABS).

2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION/CONTRACT TYPE

ABS intends to negotiate a logical follow-on with ASI Government, Incorporated (ASI) for continuing Operational and Strategic Support Services for OAO. Currently, these services are provided under Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) VA101(049A3)-BP-0214 Task Order (TO) V101-G17140. The Task Order is scheduled to end on February 28, 2013. During the period of performance of the TO, ASI has gained an in-depth institutional knowledge of the strategic pillars that support VA's effort to build a sustainable and continuously improving organization. ASI's services provided to date supported the following:

- a. The implementation of the OAO's strategic plan (consistent with the Department's strategic plan) and ensuring that the performance management plans are tied to and directly support the OAO's strategic staff's objectives;
- b. Provide a feasible and executable Return on Investment on an acquisition function to be used throughout OAO;
- c. Provide a robust and detailed human capital plan that accomplishes OAO's and the Department's objectives that are to include, but are not limited to succession planning, employee exchange programs, formal mentoring, among others that will establish a sound human capital plan;
- b. Ensure that metrics are aligned with current strategic priorities, and is also meaningful and executable whereby it is compliant with DVA regulations and measurable/attainable as well as suitable for flow-down to subordinate managers;
- c. Development of a template of required performance elements for GS-1102s at all tiers of the organizations (the Contractor wouldn't write the plans, but develop the standard language and measurements suitable for flow-down);
- d. Quarterly meetings to discuss progress and tracking of actual accomplishments;
- e. Development of corrective action plan, if needed; and,

- f. Annual drafting of actual performance/self assessment for SES and senior managers.

As a result of their in-depth knowledge of OAO's organizational strategic and operational planning efforts, the ASI team has assisted OAO in developing an operating plan to guide the organization's future operational and strategic planning efforts. This follow-on contract will continue the important process made in realizing the broader goal of OAO's leadership to build sustainable and continuously improving organization.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES

The follow-on task order will mirror the majority of services ASI is currently providing. The following tasks requested align with the services currently being provided.

The Operational and Strategic Support Services will require the Contractor to provide continued contractor support to assist with ongoing support of the organization's strategic and operational planning efforts, with an ultimate goal of a self-sustaining strategic planning effort with primary ownership and responsibility held by OAO senior leadership and staff. Specifically OAO seeks support in the following task areas:

- a. Task 1.0 Implementation and Adoption Services:

1. Project Implementation;
2. Leadership and Governance;
3. Change Management and Communications; and
4. Metrics, Monitoring and Evaluation.

- b. Task 2.0 Sustainment and Advisory Services.

Since March 1, 2011, ASI has provided operational and strategic support services (performance management service) that have supported the organizational strategic and operational planning efforts.

The follow-on task order will have a performance period of 24 months, which will consist of a twelve (12) month base period (starting March 1, 2013) and one option year. The estimated value of this effort is \$1 million (based on historical data from existing task order V101-G17140).

4. IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE

In accordance with FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(c), the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Time and Material Task Order for Performance Management Services, which was competed in accordance with the applicable contract ordering procedures.

5. A DETERMINATION BY THE ORDERING ACTIVITY CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE TO THE GOVERNMENT

Re-competing this requirement would result in substantial duplication of cost to the Government that is not expected to be recovered through competition. The Contracting Officer (CO) will evaluate pricing and determine the price to be fair and reasonable before awarding a new contract.

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED

Market research was conducted by searching General Services Administration's Schedule 874 – Mission Oriented Business Integrated Services (MOBIS), Special Item Number 874-1 Integrated Consulting Services. It has been determined that conducting a competitive solicitation for these interim services would result in an interruption of services that are critical to the OAO's mission. As the incumbent, ASI Government, Incorporated has an existing workforce already in place and is the only contractor that can ensure the continued performance of the required services will happen without any delay. This action is required until the requirements for a new competitive procurement can be defined and a task order issued.

7. ANY OTHER SUPPORTING FACTS

The sole-source contract is advantageous to the Government as ASI has already gained and demonstrated a unique institutional knowledge of management expectations, preferences, and mechanisms for delivery, as well as technical expertise in understanding the complexity surrounding the topic of developing an operating plan to guide the organization's future operational and strategic planning efforts. Their understanding and demonstrated topical and contract execution is critical to the mission and could not be replaced in a reasonable period by any other source without duplicating efforts achieved during the current task order.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO COMPETITION

This method of awarding follow-on contracts is not considered a barrier to competition. ASI was the successful contractor under competition that was conducted for the services currently in place.

9. Approvals in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(d):

Technical/Requirements Cognizance Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

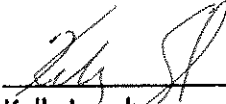


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Contracting Officer's Certification: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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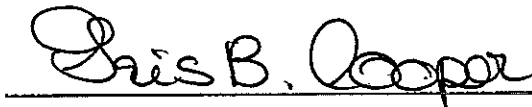


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Competition Advocate Approval required by FAR 8.405-6(d)(2) .



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