

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

1. Contracting Activity:

NCO 12, GREAT LAKES ACQUISITION CENTER,
115 SOUTH 84TH STREET, SUITE 101
MILWAUKEE, WI 53214

2. Purchase Request Number: 578-13-1-125-0003

3. Authority for Action:

- ☒ FAR 13.106-1(b), Soliciting from a Single Source
FAR 6.302-2 Unusual and Compelling Urgency 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(2)

4. Describe the supply or service to be acquired and the total estimated dollar value:

Continuity of service/care for Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Life Support (ALS), and Critical Care (CC) ambulance services for Edward Hines VA Hospital and affiliated CBOC's. Total estimated dollar value is \$147,985 for the contract period. This cost may vary based on changes in fuel or labor costs.

5. List the proposed contractor (name, contact, and phone number) and describe the unique knowledge or capabilities of the proposed contractor:

Blackhawk Medical DBA Vandenberg Ambulance.
POC: Chris Vandenberg
chrisvandenberg@amb_tran.com
Cell: 708-642-8276
Office: 708-532-1613

The current contractor has been performing these services for over 10 years, and the COR has indicated their performance to continue to be above acceptable.

6. Describe your market research efforts and efforts to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable:

Market research was conducted and it was determined that although there appears to be alternative vendors available that offer these types of ambulatory care, it would not be in the best interest of the government to cause a cessation of critical care services while a competitive contract is developed. It is anticipated that a longer term contract will be competed for these services within the next several months to allow adequate transition time and mitigate any disruption of service.

7. State why you feel that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:

The current pricing structure was negotiated and determined best value on the original award. The current contractor has been performing the service for close to ten years. Their pricing has been consistent while performance is above acceptable. The contract's price is determined fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Government.

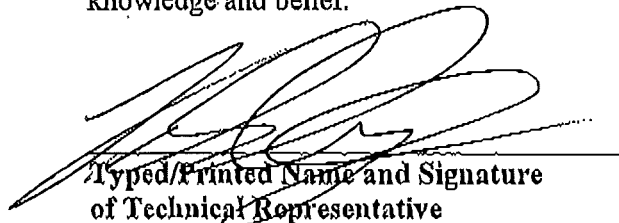
8. Other:

Interruption of this critical care would be detrimental to the health and safety of the veterans it serves. Advanced life support, medical intensive care unit support, and basic life support ambulatory transportation services and all associated equipment are vital to operations of the VA Medical Center. Conversion to a new vendor would be disruptive and put both operations and patient's lives at considerable risk. Significant additional time and costs are required for properly competing, awarding, transitioning and reconfiguring procedures while ensuring that patient safety is not put at risk. Awarding a new contract would take approximately several months to properly conduct the acquisition process and transition. All nursing stations, patient wards, doctors, transportation personnel, and fiscal would be required to change processes and procedures that were setup with the incumbent contractor (if necessary). NCO 12 is currently in the process of performing market research to determine the best strategy for garnering competition. The VA will need approximately 3 months to properly compete these services and allow for the successful conversion to a potential new contractor. To prevent disruption of the current service, a short-term sole source to the incumbent Blackhawk Medical Transportation Inc. dba Vandenberg Ambulance is required until a long-term or another competitive interim contract is put into place, pursuant to acquisition regulations.

Confirmation from the incumbent contractor was received confirming interest to continue providing this service.

9. Certifications:

I hereby certify that the data provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Typed/Printed Name and Signature
of Technical Representative

7-12-13
Date

I hereby determine that the circumstances of this contract action deem only one source reasonably available.



Contracting Officer

Jessica L. Howard

2 July 2013

Date

I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.



Bryan T. Boland

Services Team Manger

Network Contracting Office 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center

7/12/13

Date