

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

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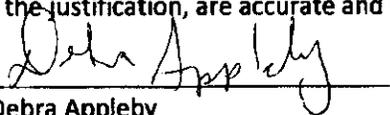
Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 4, James E VanZandt VA Medical Center submits this Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for the laboratory testing services provided to the Laboratory Department for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** The action being reviewed will be awarded as a new purchase order for FY13 services. This requirement was previously procured via a sole source justification method (VA503-C20006). A firm fixed price contract will be awarded.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Tests normally sent to Pittsburgh VA that provider needs STAT for patient care, situations when analyzer at Altoona VAMC breaks down, etc. Altoona Regional's proximity to the Altoona VA allows them to perform tests and get results in a very rapid manner.
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;
 - (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):**

Altoona Regional is the closest hospital to the Altoona VAMC that can perform specialized lab tests. They are CAP and CLIA accredited to produce accurate results. Other laboratories can perform tests of a similar manner, but it would take a longer amount of time to transport test specimens to another hospital, and receive results back. The testing performed under this contract are of a very urgent nature, and delaying results could delay patient diagnosis and care. Delayed lab results could be harmful to the patients because it would delay their access to proper medical care.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

Altoona Regional is the closes hospital to the Altoona VA that performs specialized, accredited laboratory testing.

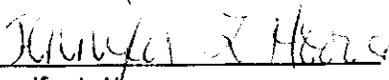
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The Contracting Officer determined that the pricing submitted from Altoona Regional is the same as the catalogue price for all customers. The Contracting Officer also compared the prices to the historical pricing paid on FY12 PO # VA503-C20006, and found the pricing to be comparable. The CO has made the determination that the submitted pricing is fair and reasonable. The cost submitted for the period of performance is \$3600.00.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:**
The laboratory service performed market research and determined that Altoona Regional is the closest hospital in this area that is able to quickly turn around lab test results when urgently needed.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None
11. **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:** The program office will continue to research hospitals that are able to provide these services as required by the VA Medical Center.
12. **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.


 Debra Appleby
 Laboratory Supervisor
 James E VanZandt VA Medical Center

08/13/2013
 Date

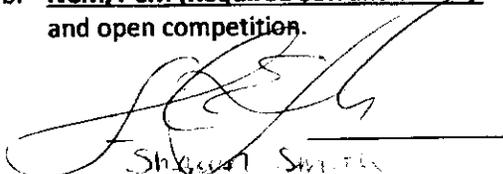
13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

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


 Jennifer L. Hoover
 Contracting Officer
 James E VanZandt VA Medical Center

8/27/2013
 Date

- b. **NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above):** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.


 Sherrill Smith
 Network Contract Manager
 VISN/PCA 4

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 Date