

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL & OPEN COMPETITION

AUTHORITY: FAR 6.103

Requirement Title / Name: Autopsy Services for OJS District IV

Purchase Request Number: 44051027

Originating Office (Customer): Gwen Sheche, Law Enforcement Specialist

Division / Unit / Branch: SWRO, OJS District IV

1. This is a justification for other than full and open competition.

Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

IA Acquisition Office: A12 Northwest Region

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved:

Requirement: Follow-on Requirement

Pricing: Firm-Fixed Price

Proposed Contractor/Vendor:

Name: University of New Mexico

Street Address: 1 University of New Mexico, Sponsored Projects Office

City, State, Zip: Albuquerque NM 87131-0001

UEI: G389MFAYJNG9

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

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Regional Office (SWRO), Office of Justice Services (OJS) District IV requires autopsy and forensic pathology services. The University of New Mexico provides these services for the entire State of New Mexico. All Law Enforcement Agencies across the state rely on the University of New Mexico for these specialized services. This will be awarded as a sole source contract to the University of New Mexico with a period of performance of 9/1/2026 - 8/31/2031 as a Base Year + 4 Option Years.

IGE: [REDACTED]**4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:**

- ☒ FAR 6.103-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-2 -- Unusual and Compelling Urgency.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-3 -- Industrial Mobilization; Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability; or Expert Services.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-4 -- International Agreement.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-5 -- Authorized or Required by Statute.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-6 -- National Security.
- ☐ FAR 6.103-7 -- Public Interest.

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.

Autopsy and forensic pathology services are required for four (4) agencies in the Southwest Region to determine the cause of death for individuals in cases where the cause is not related to natural causes or where human remains have been found. These services are necessary to accurately determine the cause of death in homicide, suicide, unattended death investigations and the discovery of human remains. Without these services, criminal investigators will be unable to perform their duties efficiently in any and all death investigations and will struggle to provide necessary evidence for legal proceedings and prosecution. The University of New Mexico is the only responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

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 part 5 and, if not, which exception under part 5 applies.

There are no other sources that would satisfy agency requirements. DOIAFBO260077 special notice for notice of intent to sole source was posted for 5 days from 17-22 June 2026 before award. There was only one response from a Non-ISBEE small business named Sticks & Stones Autopsy & Evisceration Services based out of California. They do not have a website and in SAM.gov their primary NAICS code is 541714 Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology). It is the Contracting Officer's determination they will not be able to support the Southwest region by providing autopsy and forensic pathology services.

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

I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. This determination is based on the following:

The SWRO has purchased similar requirements in the past that have been found fair & reasonable.

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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.

Market research concluded that the University of New Mexico provides these services for the entire State of New Mexico. All Law Enforcement Agencies across the state rely on the University of New Mexico for these specialized services.

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

This is a follow-on requirement for 140A0725F0003.

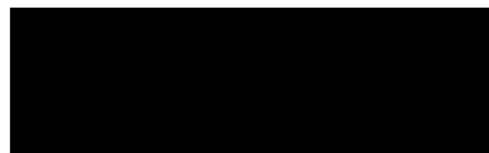
10. **A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed an interest in the acquisition in writing.**
N/A

11. **A statement of any 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 are no actions the agency can take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition until the University of New Mexico is no longer the only provider of these services for the entire State of New Mexico.

Originating Office Attestation:

I certify that the technical data which forms a basis for this justification is complete and accurate and meets the Government's minimum needs.



Gwen Sheche

Law Enforcement Specialist

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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

I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Brian Roberts

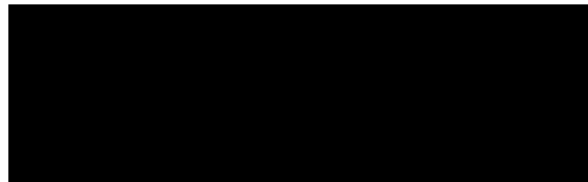
Contracting Officer

Bureau of Indian Affairs

ADDITIONAL APPROVALS:

CCO or One Level Above the CO *(if the CCO is the signing CO)*
(>SAT)

I hereby provide concurrence that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Terrence Lord

Branch Chief, Supplies and Services Acquisitions

Indian Affairs

~~IA Competition Advocate~~
(>\$900k)

I hereby provide concurrence that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N/A

IA Competition Advocate

~~Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA)~~
(>\$20M)

I hereby provide concurrence that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N/A

Head of the Contracting Activity

~~Senior Procurement Executive (SPE)~~
(>\$90M)

I hereby provide concurrence that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

N/A

Senior Procurement Executive