

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON SOLE SOURCE BASIS

Program Agency:	Department of Behavioral Health
Proposed Contractor:	LifeStar Response of MD, Inc.
Contract Number:	RM-16-C-102-BY0-TYM
Caption:	Ambulance Transportation Services

AUTHORITY

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, and 1701

1. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) is seeking to extend the current contract with LifeStar Response of MD, Inc. to provide and furnish an ambulance, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician driver, support staff, supplies and equipment necessary to provide ambulance transport services to DBH consumers to and from healthcare facilities throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area. These services shall promote a safe and secure method of transportation for CPEP consumers. Disruption of services will create a life safety issue.

CPEP provides onsite emergency psychiatric evaluations for people 18 years of age and older who are in crisis. Mobile crisis services are also available for individuals of all ages in the District. CPEP services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week and include crisis assessment and stabilization in the home or any community location.

The Contractor shall provide these services for a Period of Performance of five months (5) for the dates of July 29, 2016 through December 29, 2016.

2. FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated price to provide the required services for the FY16 Period of Performance of July 29, 2016 through September 30, 2016 is \$56,050.00 and is deemed fair and reasonable based on the current contract unit pricing and projected volume of transports.

3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION:

- The sole source contract is required to ensure the continuity of service by avoiding interruption of these vital services until a long term contract can be put in place.
- The current contract was awarded on July 29, 2011 with a base period and four (4) option year periods. The contract's option year four expires on July 28, 2016.
- LifeStar Response of MD, Inc. has extensive knowledge of working with CPEP and providing these vital services for the consumers.
- LifeStar Response of MD, Inc. is the only available company requiring no start up time and capable of continuing the required services without interruptions while a long term award is in process.

- The interruption of these services could pose a major threat to the District and jeopardize the health, welfare and safety of persons 18 years of age and older in crisis and with psychiatric needs as well as anyone living in the District with mobile crisis needs. Lose or interruption of services is a possible liability to the District Government for failure to maintain these services.
- LifeStar Response of MD, Inc. has performed these services for the past six (6) years.
- There is no other source determined qualified to provide ambulances, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician drivers, support staff, supplies and equipment necessary to provide ambulance transport services to DBH's consumers to and from healthcare facilities throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan area with no interruption of services.

4. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director
Department of Behavioral Health

Date

5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Tonya Mills
Contract Specialist

Date

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the Sole Source method of procurement.

George G. Lewis, CPPO
Chief Contracting Officer

Date