

**JUSTIFICATION & APPROVAL  
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

1. Contracting Agency: Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).
2. Authority Cited: 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1). FAR 6.302-1 "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements"
3. Description of Supplies and Services: Provide auditory-oral and auditory-verbal therapy in a day placement setting for a four year old student with a severe hearing disability and two cochlear implants. Period of performance is for the school year 2013-2014.
4. Description of Action: DoDEA intends to award a firm-fixed price contract on a sole source basis to the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center for a base school year (SY 2013-2014), with an estimated cost of \$22,649.00. No options.
5. Reason for Authority Cited:
  - a. Laurel Bay Schools is responsible for providing education to children of service members residing on Federal property in the Beaufort, SC area. Currently, Laurel Bay Schools has a four year old student with a severe hearing disability and two cochlear implants. At present, Laurel Bay Schools does not have the resources to provide the comprehensive environment or specialized services required for a severe hearing impaired student with two cochlear implants. The child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) requirements include special education services provided in the least restrictive environment by a teacher of the hearing impaired and a speech/language pathologist with specialized training and experience in working with students with cochlear implants.
  - b. This student was attending Savannah Speech and Hearing under a previous contract that has since expired. This program teaches the child to be fully functional in a classroom setting without the use of a sign language interpreter after a 2 to 3 year educational commitment. This student is in the middle of this training regimen.
  - c. This student attended a preschool program at this same facility since he was surgically fitted with the cochlear implants at the age of 2. He has made progress but continues to require auditory-verbal and auditory-aural therapy services in a comprehensive full day environment. Due to the highly specialized area of intervention required for cochlear implant children it is educationally vital to maintain this student in his current Non-DoDEA placement.
  - d. In order to maintain continuity of care for the child, it is best to maintain the child at this same facility so progress will not be lost.
6. Effort to Obtain Competition: Area market research was conducted April 2013 to agencies and sources in the Laurel Bay, South Carolina, Savannah and surrounding areas for Auditory Verbal Therapy (AVT) for deaf students with Cochlear Implants. Savannah Speech and Hearing is the only facility that provides AVT. However, DDESS will post this J&A on FBO to determine there are no other interested sources.

7. Action to Increase Competition: Each student's needs are reviewed by the IEP Case Study Committee ensuring the student's IEP addresses the specific needs of the student and provides the student with a program that will meet their individual educational needs. When the IEP is approved, the district first reviews their own capability for providing the services to the student. If the district is unable to fulfill the requirement, all outside sources are reviewed. If a new student is identified with the need to begin this specific type of treatment at an early stage, a Source Sought notice will be posted on the FBO web site to determine if new providers have entered the area.

8. Market Research: The district Instructional Systems Specialist responsible for special education reviews the capabilities of various vendors in the commuting area of the school to ensure that students received the best possible education in the appropriate setting. At present, a search was conducted and the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center was the only source in the Beaufort area identified as capable of meeting this requirement. The Center can provide a program of comprehensive services to appropriately meet the needs of this student and is capable of accepting the student for school year 2013-2014.

9. Interested Sources: Savannah Speech and Hearing  
1206 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31404  
POC: Virginia Snedeker (912)355-4601  
CAGE: 57H85  
Size: Large (Non Profit)  
Registration Active: 4/03/2014

10. Other Factors: None.

11. Technical Certification:

I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance that are included in this Justification and Approval are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

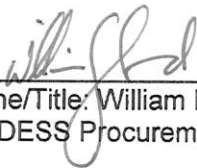
Signature: Lori Crawford Date: 6/25/13  
Typed Name/Title: Lori Crawford, Special Education ISS  
Division: SC/FS/DDESS/Cuba/DoDDS District

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance that are included in this Justification and Approval are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Samantha Ingram Date: 6/25/13  
Typed Name/Title: Dr. Samantha Ingram, Superintendent  
Division: SC/FS/DDESS/Cuba/DoDDS District

13. Approval: Based on the foregoing justification, I hereby approve the procurement of special education residential school program services on an unusual and compelling urgency basis,

pursuant to the authority of 10 U.S.C. 230(c)(2), subject to the availability of funds, and provided the services described above have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 26 JUN 13  
Typed Name/Title: William Lockard, Contracting Officer  
Division: DDESS Procurement