United States Department of Agriculture
Decision to Restrict Competition under the Simplified Acquisition Threshold
Identification Number: 127EAY26Q0022

In accordance with the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul (RFO) FAR 12.102 (a), the following documents the decision to restrict competition for this acquisition.

(1) Mission Area and Contracting Activity.

Requisition Number: 1178420

Requesting Activity Agency:

Modoc NF/SO/Wildhorse

Contracting Activity: W1 Products and Services

(2) Estimated Value
$265,000.00

(3) Brief Description of Supplies or Services
The acquisition requires obtaining veterinary services for wild horses and burros brought in from Federal lands to the Double Devil Wild Horse and Burro Corrals.

(1) Suggested Source

The suggested source is:
Modoc Veterinary Center
501 HWY 395 N
Alturas, CA 96101-4228

UEI: LHKRDMEMFT57

Justification for Restricting Competition and the Basis for that Decision.

A. Explain the unique qualifications/characteristics of the proposed contractor or product and why no other contractor or product/service can meet the Government's need.

   Modoc Veterinary Center has provided this service since 2020, when the service requirement began. This contractor has been the only responsible contractor found capable of providing the veterinary services needed within the one-hour time frame required for emergency examinations and treatment, and Euthanasia of horses and burros.

   Double Devil Wild Horse and Burro Corals are in Alturas, CA which is a remote town with a population of 2.8 thousand. Modoc Veterinary Clinic is the only contractor available in the area for this service.

B. Describe market research conducted and the results or the reason why no market research was conducted.

   Market research was conducted to verify the availability of additional Veterinary contractors within

the area. A Dynamic Small Business search revealed Modoc Veterinary Clinic as the only small business under NAICS 541940 "Licensed Veterinary Practitioners" within the 96101-area code.

A Sources Sought notification was posted to SAM.gov on 29 October 2026 with a response date of 6 November 2026. No responses were received.

Certifications & Approvals

(4) Technical / Requirements Personnel Certification

I certify this requirement meets the Government's minimum need and that the supporting data, which forms a basis for this justification, is complete and accurate.

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Charlene Johnston
Center Manager

(5) Contracting Officer's Certification

I certify that the data supporting the recommended use of other than full and open competition accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby approve this justification.

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Kari D. Hughes
Contracting Officer