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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Washington, DC

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL**

**OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION/BRAND NAME**

REQUISITION NUMBER: 6500-OARS-16-0023

1. CONTRACTING OFFICE

United States International Trade Commission  
Office of Procurement  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436

REQUIRING OFFICE

United States International Trade Commission  
**Office of Analysis & Research Services**  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436

2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION(S). In accordance with FAR Subpart 6.303-2, this justification for other than full and open competition will result in award of a sole source firm fixed price contract to the CRU Group.
3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES. Renewal of recurring requirement for subscription to the CRU Group Steel Monitor for the Natural Resources and Energy (NRE) Division of the Office of Industries.

Estimated Contract Value

4. STATUTORY AUTHORITY. FAR Subpart 6.302-1 and 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1): When the supplies or services required by the agency are available from only one responsible source, and no other type of supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements, full and open competition need not be provided for.
5. DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR OR BRAND UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

CRU Group Steel Monitor is an exclusive publication of CRU Group that monitors the global steel sector and provides custom data and reporting services that NRE requires fulfilling its statutory and non-statutory reporting requirements for the Commission.

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6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS ARE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE

Main Library conducted market research online, along with end user community efforts, and has found no other competing sources for this unique comprehensive coverage and cost.

7. DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, and 15.4, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. The Price Reasonableness Memorandum detailing the Fair and Reasonable Price Determination will be included in the contract file documentation.

8. MARKET RESEARCH

Market Research was conducted in accordance with FAR Subpart 10, and it was determined that the above stated requirement is commercially available in the commercial market place from only one source.

The Main Library routinely invites and solicits demonstrations and trials for the research community for evaluation relative to ongoing and changing requirements. No peer products exist for this resource at this time.

9. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

N/A

10. LISTING OF SOURCES

No other sources.

11. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

The Main Library will periodically review offerings and evaluate the marketplace to ascertain whether or not other vendors can provide the needed services.

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12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

By signing below "I have reviewed this justification and find it to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Approved By: Print Name

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)**

Officer

Signature

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)**

1/16/2016

13. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

By signing below "I certify that the supporting technical data which form a basis for this justification, that are the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Prepared By: Print Name

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)**

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Signature

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1/29/16

Approved By: Print Name

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)**

Director/Cost Center Manager

Signature

**FOIA Exemption (b)(6)**

1/29/16