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**Justification & Approval
For Other Than Full & Open
Competition/Brand Name**

USITC - 052 (Rev. 8/2016)

REQUISITION NUMBER: 6500-OARS-18-0014

1. CONTRACTING OFFICE

U.S. International Trade Commission
Office of Procurement
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

REQUIRING OFFICE

U.S. International Trade Commission
Office of Analysis and Research Services
500 E Street, SW
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2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION(S)

Sole Source

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 contract to World Bureau of Metal Statistics, Inc.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES (Check box below:)

This requirement is to purchase:

Subscription to World Bureau of Metal Statistics (online)

- ☐ Support services (non-R&D)
☒ Supplies/equipment
☐ Information technology (IT)
☐ Other (specify): _____

4. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE

5. ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/ DELIVERY DATE

Period of Performance

1/1/2018

to

12/31/2018

Options Through:



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6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Sole Source

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 the 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.

7. DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR OR BRAND UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

The World Bureau of Metal Statistics is a key publication for the Natural Resources and Energy Division. It contains series of production and consumption data for non-ferrous metals that are not available in any other ITC publication. As one example, it was crucial in October 2014 when I was working on a technical assistance document for USTR and I required U.S. and foreign country production numbers not only for upstream unwrought aluminum, but also for downstream aluminum products. This information was only available through WBMS. In the past, other studies, technical assistance, and Title VII's have also required production information for non-ferrous metals only available through WBMS data, such as copper, molybdenum, or tin. This information is not readily available elsewhere, particularly for foreign countries, which leaves WBMS as a crucial research source for NRE.

8. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE OFFERS WERE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE

Web based market research / subject matter experts



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9. DESCRIPTION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, 15.4, it is hereby determined 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.

10. MARKET RESEARCH

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



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11. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

n/a

12. LISTING OF SOURCES

No other sources.

13. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

The Commission supports competition and depending on the requirements will seek solicitations from as many vendors as are applicable.



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14. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL/REQUIRING OFFICE CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations in this justification, included herein, meet the Government's need and that the supporting data which forms the basis for this justification is complete and accurate

Prepared By: **Print Name:** FOIA Exemption (b)(6)

Signature:

Requestor/COR

Date: December 29, 2017

Approved By: **Print Name:** FOIA Exemption (b)(6)

Signature:

Office Director/Cost Center Manager

Date: January 2, 2018

15. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I have received this justification and find it to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Approved By: **Print Name:** _

Signature: _

FOIA Exemption (b)(6)

Contracting Officer

Date:

1/18/2018