



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION/BRAND NAME

REQUISITION NUMBER: 06100-OOEC-15-001/2236

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 Economics
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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 Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.
3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES. This requirement is to purchase a one year license extension for Gempack/Rundyman software.

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

The Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS) at the University of Victoria (formerly located with Monash University) is the sole owner of the right to license Gempack software. This software is required for the operation of the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) and U.S. Applied General Equilibrium (USAGE) models, used

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extensively by the Commission in economic analysis. The software is also used in a variety of other models (for example, the RiceFlow model) that are used from time to time in Commission studies.

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

The Office of Economics is familiar with the software and modeling technology. The owner of the copyright is the sole vendor of the software, as has been verified by an internet search and by the copyright holder.

7. DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, 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

The Office of Economics is familiar with the software and modeling technology. The owner of the copyright is the sole vendor of the software, as has been verified by an internet search and by the copyright holder.

9. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

This is a renewal of a license that the Commission has renewed annually for more than ten years. Because the Centre of Policy Studies at Victoria University is the creator of the software and has the exclusive right to the license, the renewal is not available from other sources. Acquisition of other software would require the reconstruction of the ITC models and would be extremely costly.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES

None.

11. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

It is expected that Gempack will remain critical to many of the Commission's analyses, and the Centre of Policy Studies will continue to hold exclusive rights to it.

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

Signature

FOIA EXEMPTION (b) (6)

Officer

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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 _____

Signature _____

FOIA EXEMPTION (b) (6)

FOR

March 2015

Approved By: Print Name _____

Signature

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Director/Cost Center Manager

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