



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, DC

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION/BRAND NAME

REQUISITION NUMBER: 6500-OARS-16-0014

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 World Bureau of Metal Statistics, Inc.
3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES. Renewal of recurring requirement for subscription to the World Bureau of Metal Statistics, Inc. for the Natural Resources and Energy (NRE) Division.

Estimated Contract Value \$3,790.00
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

World Bureau of Metal Statistics, Inc. is brand unique relative to the inherent provision of proprietary statistical publications and data under its exclusive copyright.

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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's publication. As one example, it was crucial in October 2014 when working on a technical assistance document for USTR that 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 from foreign countries, which leaves WBMS as a crucial research source for NRE.

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, 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 other vendors can provide the needed services.

INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT COST ESTIMATE

The fee requested for the *renewal of this recurring requirement* is fair and acceptable as based on past fees charged for this product/service and the incremental increases noted are either inflationary in context per the cost of the product and/or the added content value or resource development that is reflected in the price.

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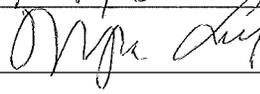
Robert Bauchspies, Chief Librarian, COR, CCM [6500]

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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 Myra Lay
Signature 

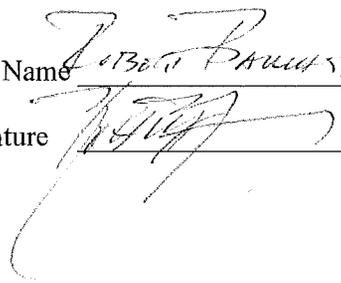
Contracting Officer
Date: 12/29/15

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 LY FOR NRE
Signature 

Requestor/COR
Date: 12/21/15

Approved By: Print Name Robert Paulauskas
Signature 

Office Director/Cost Center Manager
Date: 12/28/15