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

USITC - 052 (Rev. 8/2016)

**REQUISITION NUMBER:** 6500-OARS-17-0026

**1. CONTRACTING OFFICE**

U.S. International Trade Commission  
Office of Procurement  
500 E Street, SW  
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**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 Metal Bulletin

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

This requirement is to purchase:

Renewal of recurring requirement enterprise subscription to Leadership Directories.

- ☐ 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

April 1, 2017

to

March 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**

Seamless OCTG & Linepipe Market Tracker [ Formerly Seamless Steel Tube and Pipe Monthly] provides the Natural Resources & Energy Division (NRE) with critical data and analysis on this steel sub-sector. Such information supports research efforts along with investigations and cases held before the Commission. Metal Bulletin provides must-have timely information including price indications. As well as covering all global metals and steel markets and provides a comprehensive package of the latest news, pricing information, expert market commentary and statistics. Seamless OCTG and Linepipe Market Tracker is considered a critical resource for the NRE Division within the Office of Industries under the Office of Operations. Main Library conducted market research Online, along with end user community efforts, has found no other competing sources for this coverage and cost.

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

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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**

None

**13. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION**

Should market research reveal a peer to this unique publication and resource, future competition is ensured.



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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:** Robert B. Smith **Requestor/COR**  
**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** 2/17/17

Approved By: **Print Name:** James Kennedy **Office Director/Cost Center Manager**  
**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** 2/17/17

**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:** Debra Bridge **Contracting Officer**  
**Signature:** [Signature] **Date:** 3-2-17