



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (OPEN MARKET OR GSA) UNDER \$150,000

Sole source acquisitions may be used on a limited basis and only when the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)/Program Official has provided sufficient justification and the Contracting Officer has determined that the circumstances warrant such action. The content for a justification must contain detailed facts and rationale to justify the sole source acquisition. Soliciting from a single source must be done in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(b) or 8.405-6. At a minimum, the following information must be included:

Identification of Program Office, Contracting Activity, and Proposed Requirement, Justification and Program Office Certification:

A. Program Office:

OID/NCHHSTP/DHAP/Lab Branch
1600 Clifton Road, NE G45
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Atlanta, GA 30329

B. Contracting Activity:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Procurement and Grants Office
Acquisition Branch 1
2920 Brandywine Road, Mail stop K-69
Atlanta, GA 30341

C. Identification of Requirement:

1. Nature of Action to be Approved by Contracting Officer:
 - a. Sole source acquisition of: Procurement of Biorad's Bio-Plex 3D Suspension Array System from Gov. Sci. Source
 - b. Procurement Request (PR) Number (if available): 0HCVJCG2-2017-11279
2. Proposed Vendor and Estimated Procurement Amount (if available):

Proposed Vendor: Government Scientific Source, Inc.—Veteran Owned Small Business
12351 Sunrise Valley Drive
Reston, VA 20191
Phone: 800-248-8030
Tina Sellentin tsellentin@govsci.com

 - a. Estimated Procurement Amount: \$ 105,000.00
3. Is the requirement on GSA Schedule? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, provide schedule number: GS-07-F-5934R sin#615-1

D. Justification:

1. The justification for this non-competitive action is:
 - ☒ In accordance with FAR 13.106-1(b)(1), "only one source [is] reasonably available" which states that, "For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. (i) Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). (ii) Where a single source is identified to provide a portion of a purchase because that portion of the purchase specifies a particular brand-name item, the documentation in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section only applies to the portion of the purchase requiring brand-name item. The documentation should state it is covering only the portion of the acquisition which is brand- name."
 - ☐ Urgency

- ☐ Exclusive licensing agreements/Proprietary data
 - ☐ Brand name required
 - ☐ Industrial mobilization
 - ☒ Other (e.g., compatibility, space issues, continuity, comparability, etc.)
- ☐ In accordance with FAR 8.405-6 "Limiting Sources" which states that, "the only circumstances that may justify the action are – (A) An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays; (B) Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized; or (C) In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-up to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original BPA must not have been previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures."
- ☐ Urgency
 - ☐ Only One Source
 - ☐ Logical Follow Up

2. Other facts supporting sole source procurement:

a. What can this product/service do that other products/services cannot do?

The Bio-Plex 3D is a unique multiplexing platform that enables high throughput testing of specimens for multiple analytes. The platform is an improvement over our preexisting platform (Bio-Plex 100/200) which allows a shorter run time and can test up to 500 different analytes. It also uses updated software as the existing unit is outdated and needs to be replaced.

b. What other products/services were considered and why did they not meet the need?

No other products were considered because the Bio-Plex is a specialty item that is only produced by Bio-Rad. The format is compatible with current assays in development which cannot be altered. This is a replacement of the existing technology. Changing technology/platform will invalidate our existing data and cannot continue our studies. It has taken enormous amount time, resources, skills, and money to be where we are now. Therefore, starting over is not an option.

3. Program Office efforts to seek potential offerors:

Biorad is the only company that has this particular platform. And Biorad only offers and allows its products to be distributed through Government Scientific Source Inc (GSS). GSS is a veteran owned small business. GSS and BioRad have established this business relationship some time ago. BioRad, via GSS, offers the instrument that would support continuation of our studies without compromising our data, time and costs.

E. Program Office Certification:

I have reviewed this sole source justification and certify the justification is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and adequate to support other than full and open competition.

Center/Institute/Office COR/Program Official Name/Title: Caryn Kim, Deputy Chief, COR, Lab Branch

Center/Institute/Office COR/Program Official Signature: _____

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Certification Date: April 19, 2017

F. Contracting Office Certification:

I have fully relied on the information provided herein and hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Contracting Officer Name: _____

Contracting Officer Signature: _____

Certification Date: _____