



Notice Type: Notice of Intent to Sole Source

Title: Quality-Adjusted Health Outcomes and Spending

**Description:**

The Office of the Secretary intends to award a Sole Source contract on behalf of the Bureau of Economic Analysis to The University of Washington, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluations (IHME), Seattle Washington to provide 1) a measure of health (by condition) that accounts for gains in life expectancy and gains in quality of life, and 2) a measure of expenditure (by condition) using IHME's Disease Expenditure (DEX) and Global Burden of Disease (GBD) by-age and by-cause data. These data and associated programs will then be used by IHME to construct quality-adjusted health care price indexes by condition and age.

The North American Industry Classification System Code (NAICS) is 541910 – Market Research and Public Opinion Polling. IHME is the only responsible source at this time with the knowledge and experience needed to accomplish the requirement set forth in the Statement of Work (SOW).

It is The Office of the Secretary intent that the proposed action may be awarded on a sole source firm-fixed price type contract. The period of performance for this effort will be a 12-month base year from the date of award and four-1-year options, if exercised, to IHME, under the authority of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures.

**Sole Source Justification:**

In accordance with FAR 6.302-1, Only One Responsible, IHME is the only organization who can provide the services needed.

Responses to this notice must demonstrate clear and convincing evidence that competition would be advantageous to the Government, would not be cost or time prohibitive, and would not hinder the mission objective.

The determination not to compete this proposed contract action is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will normally be considered for the purposes of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. The Government will not be responsible for any costs incurred by responding to this notice.

**This is NOT a request for quotes or proposals.** However, all interested organizations may submit their capability statements and qualifications which will be considered by The Office of the Secretary, BEA. Responses must be in writing and must be submitted electronically to



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENTERPRISE SERVICES

Victory Rich, Contract Specialist at [vrich@doc.gov](mailto:vrich@doc.gov) by 10:00 AM EST on, January 10, 2023. Responses must include pricing information. No late responses will be accepted.

**Disclaimer and Important Notes:** This notice does not obligate the Government to award a contract or otherwise pay for the information provided in response. The Government reserves the right to use information provided by respondents for any purpose deemed necessary and legally appropriate. Any organization responding to this notice should ensure that its response is complete and sufficiently detailed to allow the Government to determine the organization's qualifications to perform the work. Respondents are advised that the Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted.

**Confidentiality:** No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response. The Government reserves the right to use any non-proprietary technical information.

**Requirement:**

Please see attached statement of work (SOW).