

**Contracting Without Full and Open Competition  
Justification and Approvals  
(Reference FAR 6.303-2)**

**Agency:** United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ), Compliance and Innovative Strategies Division (CISD)

**Contracting Activity:** Contracts Management Division, Cincinnati Ohio

**Contract No.:** EP-C-06-003

**Contractor:** Systems Research and Applications Corporation (SRA)

**2. Nature and/or description of the action:**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the extension of the contract, entitled "Technical and Analytical Support for the Office of Transportation and Air Quality" for a one month period. These services are currently provided by SRA under contract EP-C-06-003 which expires on December 31, 2010.

**3. Description of the Supplies or Services:**

Services to be provided include technical and analytical support to CISD. This contract will also provide support for other divisions within OTAQ. This contract requires the Contractor to perform work in the following areas:

A - Economic, Environmental, Statistical, Financial, and Evaluative Analysis and Support

B - Technical and Engineering Analysis

C - Communication, Outreach, Guidance, and Regulatory Program Support

D - Web, Computer System, and Database Support and Development

E - Support for Implementation and Compliance Monitoring of Air Pollution Regulations and Programmatic Requirements

**4. Estimated value:**

\$400,000 – Based on an estimated 4,900 Level of Effort (LOE) Hours

**5. Authority:**

The authority for this action is 41 U.S.C. 253(c), FAR cite 6.302.1 "Only One Responsible Source"

**6. Describe how the contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:**

SRA has spent the past five years under this contract supporting many OTAQ projects and work assignments successfully. SRA's staff is familiar with all OTAQ processes and related data under this contract. During the period of this extension, the contract is in its final contract period. It is impossible to transfer the knowledge to another contractor within such a short period of time and would add substantially to the time frame for completion of each of these work assignments. A change of contractor will result in a duplication of cost to the Government and will cause unacceptable delays in the efforts of the ongoing contract work assignments.

**7. The contracting officer determines that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable because a complete analysis of all costs using audits, commerciality, previous history, or other appropriate means will be fully utilized prior to the extension. The previous costs were determined to be fair and reasonable at the time of award and were accomplished through a competitive process.**

The anticipated cost to the Government is expected to be fair and reasonable because the Project Office (PO) has knowledge and expertise in this area, and is well aware of the costs to perform these services. The PO has been conducting reviews and projects similar to this one for over 15 years, and has experience with cost and technical oversight to insure that any cost proposal accepted by the Government is fair and reasonable.

**9. Description of the market research conducted (see FAR Part 10). If no market research was conducted, state the reasons:**

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**10. Other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.**

An award to another source would result in substantial duplication of cost to the Government in training, travel and initial start-up costs, and these costs will not be recovered through lower overall costs due to any competition.

**11. List sources that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition. If no sources expressed an interest in writing, indicate such.**

No sources have expressed an interest in writing.

11. Include a statement of the actions, if any, the Agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.

The follow-on acquisition will be procured using Full and Open Competition.

**Technical Officer's Certification**

I certify that the facts and representations stated in this justification are complete and accurate which form the basis to award this requirement.

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12. **Contracting Officer's Certification:**

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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11/10/10  
Date