

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION
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Authority: FAR 6.302-1 only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

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Description: This is an award to continue use of QWEST Government Services, Inc./Century Link QCC SONET Ring for Telecommunications within the Washington DC Metropolitan Area.

Period of Performance: October 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012

Estimated Contract Value:

Proposed Contractor: QWEST GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC./Century Link QCC

Justification:

This document recommends that EPA keeps in place for the next six (6) months Qwest Government Services, Inc./Century Link QCC for the continued maintenance and use of the Headquarters SONET Ring that includes OC48 Ring and Local access to PRI.

EPA's Headquarters (HQ) occupies space in multiple buildings in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Telecommunications services, including voice, video and data are shared among headquarters locations via an OC-48 SONET Ring provisioned by QWEST Communications. The locations connected to the SONET Ring, hereafter referred to as the HQ Metropolitan Area Network (MAN), are as follows:

1) Federal Triangle Complex –

The Federal Triangle Complex includes Ariel Rios North and South, EPA East, EPA West, and portions of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, with EPA owned Gig-E connectivity provided via dark fiber between buildings.

SONET connections terminate only in Ariel Rios North and EPA East.

2) Potomac Yard, Arlington, VA –

This location, due to connectivity limitations at the time of installation, does not have a direct connection to the HQ SONET Ring. However, it becomes part of the HQ MAN via a cross connect of Potomac Yard's EPL circuit with the HQ SONET Ring.

3) 1310 L Street, NW

Direct Connection to the SONET

The HQ SONET ring provides not only data connectivity, but transports Voice over IP (VoIP) traffic among HQ sites. The transition to EPA's new network, WAN 2010, is a major Agency-wide deployment, involving 114 sites, including all locations supported by the SONET ring. In order to support Agency Internet connectivity the Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Service (MTIPS) Infrastructure will need to be built. While the above locations have been converted to AT&T WAN 2010 data circuits under Networkx, the transition of the SONET Ring to voice PRI circuits procured under EPA's selected vendor for Combined Services under Networkx (AT&T) has not been completed.

Prior to the Qwest's contract renewal (February 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011) EPA's local and long distance calling for EPA's VoIP solution was not yet available under the Networkx Contract vehicle, creating a delay in implementation. Since then, EPA has selected AT&T under a Networkx Fair Opportunity as the provider of local and long distance calling for Headquarters sites.

EPA has elected to extend the provisioning of the existing SONET Ring connectivity for a period of six (6) months on a month-to-month basis and service can be cancelled at time as locations are transitioned. This is being advertised as a sole source given the disruption and high risk to critical voice communications within Headquarters.

Contractor Qualifications:

Qwest Government Services, Inc./Century Link QCC is qualified to perform the continue telecommunications services for EPA Washington DC Metropolitan Area until such time as the voice circuits can be transferred to the Networkx 2010 Combined Services Vendor (AT&T). As, the new architecture for the Agency is being designed and deployed throughout the U.S., the transition of these services will happen in a planned and phased approach. Since HQ is also upgrading its Avaya infrastructure via a different contract awarded to Adventel, it is anticipated that 70 PRI voice circuits from Qwest/Century Link QCC will be transitioned to AT&T under Combined Services by March 2012.

Efforts to solicit from other sources:

No other sources were solicited as this requirement is temporary for the transition of current circuits and OC48 Ring to the new competitively award Network Contract.

Reasonableness of Cost:

Qwest Government Services, Inc. submitted a cost proposal that is reasonable and continues the maintenance and management of the OC48 Ring and Local PRI at the current rate. Transition of these circuits to any other vendors is cost prohibited as this service is only temporary until all 70 PRI lines within the Washington DC Metropolitan Area can be transferred to the competitively awarded Networkx Vendor which is AT&T Combined Services by March 2012.

Other Factors: None

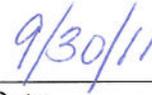
Action:

Based upon the reasonableness of cost described above, there is only one source for this requirement. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations Subpart 6.302-1 the justification for other than full and open competition must be approved by the Contracting Officer

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



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