

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 service will satisfy agency requirements.

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Description: This is an award for continued access to an electronic subscription service to provide Agency users with desktop access to the Inside EPA Daily Report, and five additional reports to include: Clean Air Report, Water Policy Report, Superfund Report, Environmental Policy Alert and Risk Policy Report and Carbon Control News online.

Period of Performance: April 13, 2011 through April 12, 2012

Estimated Purchase Order value: \$221,500.00

Proposed Contractor: Inside Washington Publishers

Justification: This document recommends that EPA keep in place its access to Inside Washington Publishers an on-line subscription to the Environmental and Scientific databases via the internet. The Inside Washington Publishers will provide access to the above six reports on a daily basis. This information will be accessed through four umbrella EPA Internet Protocol (IP) addresses that provides access to 18,000 employees. This on-line subscription service is an easier, broader, and faster searching and browsing tool that includes full text articles.

Efforts to solicit from other sources: No other sources were solicited as this requirement is for the continuation of an on-line subscription service. Inside Washington Publishers is used by the scientific community to review and search multiple journals for research and information gathering. Selecting a publisher other than Inside Washington Publishers would not be possible. Inside Washington Publishers is the **only** publisher of these six reports and the only source that

can deliver the electronic version. In addition, Inside Washington Publishers has not released the rights for the electronic submission of its reports to any other publisher or distributor.

Reasonableness of Cost: Inside Washington Publishers submitted a quote that is reasonable and continues to afford EPA access to the on-line publications. EPA's IAD manages access to information on the Agency's Intranet site by providing access to an electronic version of the six reports Inside EPA.com, Clean Air Report, Water Policy Report, Superfund Report, Environmental Policy Alert and Risk Policy Report and Carbon Control News online is expected to save the Agency money over time by allowing EPA to discontinue purchase of the hard copy publications. At the same time, the electronic version provides a more convenient access to approximately 18,000 connected EPA staff, by providing desktop access. Costs are compared to the hard copy purchases of journals which are more expensive than on-line access. In addition, Inside Washington Publishers offered the same rates as they did for last year.

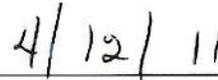
Other Factors: None

Action: There is only one source for this requirement. In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation 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.



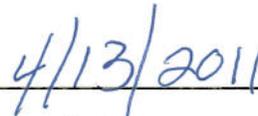
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