

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

I. Contracting Activity

Fully identify the contracting activity responsible for the proposed contracting action. Include the name, phone number of the Contracting Officer. Specifically identify as a "Limited Sources" justification. Identify purchase request number, if applicable.

CONTRACTING ACTIVITY: OAM/HPOD

PURCHASE REQUEST/LOCAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBR: PR-OEI-12-00369

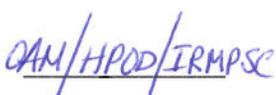
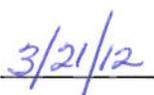
PROGRAM NAME (and Program Element, if applicable): OEI/OIC/IESD/ISSB

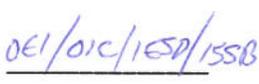
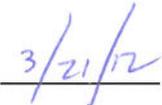
ESTIMATED COST/PRICE OF THE ACTION (including options) \$ 3,510,676.00

AUTHORITY: MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE PROGRAM, FAR 8.405-6 AND TYPE J&A: 8.405-6 (a)(1)(i)(B)

CLASS OR *INDIVIDUAL*

I CERTIFY THAT THE DATA SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDED USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THESE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

CONTRACTING OFFICER:   
(NAME) OFFICE SYMBOL DATE SIGNED

PROGRAM MANAGER:   
(NAME) OFFICE SYMBOL DATE SIGNED

CHIEF OF THE

CONTRACTING OFFICE: _____
(NAME) OFFICE SYMBOL DATE SIGNED

COMPETITION ADVOCATE: Jessie M. Mori OAM/EO 3/22/12
(NAME) OFFICE SYMBOL DATE SIGNED

SENIOR CENTER

CONTRACTING OFFICIAL: John P. H. OAM/IRMPSC 3/22/12
(NAME) OFFICE SYMBOL DATE SIGNED

II. Nature and/or Description of the Action being Processed

State whether the action is a new order or by modification to an existing order. Identify the GSA Schedule number, the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) number, the order number for the current action and the Contractor(s). Indicate the Period of Performance (PoP). Also identify the type of the order/line items on the order (e.g. Firm Fixed Price, Labor Hour, etc.)

This is a new action under GSA Schedule Contract GS-22F-9614D, Purchase Order Number EP-G12H-00349 with Dun and Bradstreet. Period of Performance March 9, 2012 thru March 8, 2013 and 4 option periods. The purchase order is firm fixed price for the base period and optional periods.

This procurement is for an award of on-line subscription service to Dunn and Bradstreet for one year and 4 options period.

III. Description of the Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's need

Specifically describe the supplies and/or services to be acquired including the price and quantity of each item in the order and state the total estimated value of the order. For services, state whether the services are performance-based, and if not, provide rationale for not being performance based. Also state the delivery/performance schedule/period of the items under the order.

Dun and Bradstreet is uniquely qualified to provide EPA information on businesses and their family tree structure. This is because of the proprietary DUNS Number, which is widely regarded as the universal standard for business identification. The Federal government has relied on the DUNS Number for over 30 years. This on-line subscription purchase is for one base year and 4 option periods with a total estimated value of \$3,510,676.00 for the entire purchase order (if all options are exercised). This on-line subscription is not performance based. Base Period began on March 9, 2012 thru March 8, 2013.

IV. Identification of the Justification/Rationale for Limiting Sources and Demonstration of the Contractor's Unique Qualifications to Provide the Supply/Service

This section is normally the most detailed part of the justification. To assist you in preparing the justification an introductory sentence and the four circumstances of FAR 8.405-6 that justify restricting the number of schedule holders, are provided below select the appropriate cite, then provide in narrative form, a detailed explanation supporting the specific circumstances cited for limiting the number of schedule holders.

(Selected Introductory sentence): FAR 8.405-6 requires an ordering activity to justify its actions when restricting consideration of schedule contractors to fewer than required in FAR 8.405-1. The specific circumstance that justifies restriction for this acquisition is FAR 8.405-1(e),

The specific circumstances that justifies restriction to fewer than required are in FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i) and FAR 8.405-6 (b). This procurement is to obtain an on-line subscription to Dun and Bradstreet which is unique to one manufacture, is a brand name and not available on other GSA Schedule holder contracts. Dun and Bradstreet Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide EPA information on businesses and their family tree structure. The on-line subscription is unique to one GSA Schedule Holder (Dun and Bradstreet, GS-22F-9614D). The Federal Government has relied on the proprietary DUNS Number for over 30 years because it is the universal standard for business identification. Dun and Bradstreet maintains the accuracy of their DUNS Numbers and other business information. They are the only source for this type of business information utilized by the Federal Government.

V. Determination by the Ordering Activity Contracting Officer that the Order Represents the Best Value Consistent with FAR 8.404(d)

Dun and Bradstreet submitted a cost quote that is reasonable and continues to afford EPA access to their data services. There is no cost increase to EPA over last year's subscription price, although while the interface has been improved and the underlying data have been expanded. As a result of the recent workgroup requirements analysis, EPA will switch one of the Dun and Bradstreet data access tools, the Private Data Portal, to a new service, called Hoover's Online. This service, which will be provided to EPA at no additional cost, should enable EPA to save money in the future because by using new features provided in Hoover's Online, EPA expects it will need to run fewer of the detailed, and expensive, Business Information Reports. Dun and Bradstreet will also provide training on Hoover's Online (at no additional cost).

VI. Description of the Market Research Conducted Among Schedule Holders and the Results or a Statement of the Reason Market Research Was Not Conducted

Discuss market research that was conducted among schedule holders and the market research results that led to conclusion to go sole source or to limit the number of schedule holders to be solicited. The narrative in the section should provide a high level of confidence that the requirement of 8.405-1 or 8.405-2. If no market research was conducted, state so and provide the rationale.

No other sources were solicited as this requirement is for the continued access to Dun and Bradstreet, data services and business information which is proprietary and unique to Dun and Bradstreet.

VII. Other facts supporting the Justification

When FAR 8.405-6(b)(2) is cited for an follow-on acquisition as the basis for justification, include an estimate of the cost that would be duplicated and the basis and derivation of the estimate, or provide details on why a delay to solicit additional schedule holders would be unacceptable.

Provide any other facts supporting the Limited Sources Justification.

Not Applicable

VIII. Actions the Agency May take to Remove or Overcome Any Barriers that Led to the Restricted Considerations Before any Subsequent Acquisition For the Supplies or Services

Describe all efforts to be taken to remove or overcome any barriers that preclude the agency from meeting the requirements of FAR 8.405-1, FAR 8.405-2 before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made. If no actions are planned, so state and provide reasons.

No actions are planned to remove or overcome barriers that preclude the agency from meeting the requirements of FAR 8.405-1 as Dun and Bradstreet is the sole manufacturer and provider of the on-line subscription for this type of business information.

IX. Contracting Officer's Certification

The contracting Officer's signature on the signature page evidences that he/she has determined that this document to be both accurate and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Sandra C. Caesar, Contracting officer OAM/HPOD/IRMPSC 3/19/2012.

X. Technical/Requirements Personnel's Certification

As evidenced by their signatures on the signature page, the technical and/or requirement personnel have certified that any supporting data contained herein which is their responsibility is both accurate and complete.

Lee Kyle, Technical Representative OEI/OIC/IESD/ISSB 3/19/2012