

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to award a Sole-Source contract to Sunset Laboratory, Inc. 620-G Valley Forge Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278, for the Semi-Continuous OCEC Aerosol Analyzer (model 4). The associated North Industry Classification System (NAICS) is 423490 and the business size standard is 100 employees. The Analyzer is the only field deployable Thermal Optical Analyzer (TOA) on the market today. The analyzer is capable of collecting and analyzing samples by standard thermal optical analyzer method such as NIOSH and IMPROVE, which compares favorably with existing filter based methods in our Chemical Speciation Network, unattended providing time resolved measurement over extended time periods. No other single instrument is capable of all of the combined features of this instrument. These unique features include ability to measure aerosol carbon by both optical and thermal measurements methods in a single instrument. The EPA believes Sunset Laboratory, Inc. is the only vendor capable of satisfying the Agency's requirements. The circumstances permitting Other than Full and Open Competition Justification is FAR 6.302, "Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy Agency requirements." The intent of this synopsis is to determine if any source(s) exists and, therefore, no Request for Proposal (RFP) is available. Consequently, any response(s) failing to provide a capability statement but instead choosing to merely submit a routine letter requesting a copy of the RFP will not be honored. All interested parties must respond within 15 days (July 10, 2009) of the date of this announcement to Antonio L. Leathers, at 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711 (Mail Code: E105). Interested vendors shall: 1) include information on the proposed services which clearly supports the requirements outlined above; 2) fully explain your capabilities and qualifications and; 3) provide itemized pricing that is sufficient to make a determination that competition is feasible. Response to this synopsis must be made in writing. No telephonic or faxed request will be honored.