

The U.S. Geological Survey intends to make a non-competitive award to Sontek / YSI , a sole Proprietor located in San Diego, CA to provide Hydrosurveyor Software package to be delivered to Pennsylvania Water science Center located in New Cumberland, PA

There are no option periods.

YSI is a sole proprietor and is the only available source to provide required item

In accordance with FAR 5.207, all responsible sources may submit a bid, proposal or quotation which shall be considered by the agency, however, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS. The Government intends to award this requirement noncompetitively in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(b)(1).

Email responses to hnair@usgs.gov or fax to 703-648-7899. Emailed responses are preferred.

The NAICS code is 334614. The size standard is 750 employees.

The anticipated award date of the contract is 06/05/2014. The anticipated contract will be firm fixed-price. A vendor must be registered at <http://www.ccr.gov> to be awarded the contract.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR ACQUISITION UNDER THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD

- 1. Contracting Agency and Activity.** The Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey Reston Acquisitions Branch, Reston, VA, plans to contract on a sole source basis. This document sets forth the justification and approval as required by FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) “Only One Source Reasonable Available”
- 2. Nature of Action Being Approved.** New contract for purchase of HydroSurveyor firmware upgrade for an existing M9 ADCP unit from SonTek, a division of YSI Inc. This is a firm fixed-price contract, with no additional option years, for firmware upgrade and unlimited software for one existing M9 ADCP. Proposed awardee is xylem, inc., (YSI, SonTek, and others are brands under the xylem, inc. name)
- 3. Description of Supplies or Services.** The HydroSurveyor system is a system designed to collect bathymetric, water column velocity profile, and acoustic bottom tracking data as part of a hydrographic survey. The two key components of the system are the HydroSurveyor Acoustic Doppler Profiler (ADP®) platform and data collection software
- 4. Estimated Dollar Value.** The price of firmware upgrade is \$6,950.
- 5. Statutory Authority.** The proposed action may be awarded on a sole source basis in accordance with:
FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) “Only One Source Reasonable Available”
- 6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.** SonTek, a division of YSI Inc., is the sole manufacturer of the HydroSurveyor system. Please be advised that SonTek does not have stocking distributors; all systems are built to order at their factory in San Diego, CA. The vendor has a network of direct sales agents or authorized representatives who cover specific geographic territories that can help a customer determine the best solution for their application and then quote accordingly, and their agents/representatives all quote the same price. Orders are usually placed directly with SonTek, although sometimes the representative may act as a reseller.
- 7. Other Information** The Pennsylvania Water Science Center already owns the hardware for this system (M9 ADCP). The requested upgrade for this specific equipment must be provided by this manufacturer, and will not be available from any other source.
- 8. The Efforts to Identify Additional Sources Including the Market Research Conducted.** As stated above, Sontek YSI is the only manufacturer of the HydroSurveyor firmware and software. For this reason, no market research can be conducted.
- 9. Future Plans to Permit Competition.** Not applicable. This item is manufactured by only one company. The nature of the Water Resources studies dictates that specific equipment be used to conduct our work.

10. Recommendation Program Office

Based on the above, I recommend this acquisition be conducted on a sole source basis and certify that the above statements are true and correct.

[Redacted Signature]

5/28/14

Administrative Officer

11. Certifications from the Contracting Officer

- a. The contracting officer has determined that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable on the basis of the comparison with the price list provided by the vendor.
- b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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12. Concurrence by Competition Advocate > \$25,000 (DIAPR 2008-10 Enhancing Competition)

Jennifer Farrell, Bureau Competition Advocate

Date

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