FBO Announcement for Sole source

The U.S. Geological Survey intends to make a non-competitive award to Beijing Antaike Information Development Company located in Beijing, China), to renew 1 year subscription to six Antaike China Metal Market reports be delivered to USGS National Minerals Info. Center , MCS, MS 989, Reston, VA 20192.

There are no option periods.

Beijing Antaike China information Development Company's unique combination of market intelligence and breadth and scope of developments within China's metal industry on consistent basis is important for Minerals division to keep up with the knowledge about market fluctuations and availability etc..

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 519130. The size standard is 500 employees.

The anticipated award date of the contract is 05/15/2013. The anticipated contract will be firm fixed-price. A vendor must be registered at http://www.ccr.gov to be awarded the contract.

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Noncompetitive Justification under Simplified Acquisition Threshold

NONCOMPETITIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION

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 Reasonably Available".

2. Nature of Action Being Approved.
This requisition is to renew a 1-year subscription to Antaike China Metal Market Monthly Reports for Copper; Alumina and Aluminum; Lead, Zinc and Tin; Nickel; Precious Metals; and Minor Metals.

Proposed awardee:
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3. Description of Supplies or Services.
Required services: Payment for a 1-year subscription to six Antaike China Metal Market reports, an online monthly report that provides Chinese production, consumption, pricing, and end use data on a monthly basis for the respective commodities in individual market reports.

Requiring Program Office: Mineral Commodity Specialists (Copper; Alumina and Aluminum; Lead, Zinc and Tin; Nickel; Precious Metals; and Minor Metals). in the Mineral Commodities Section of the National Minerals Information Center in Reston, Virginia.

4. Estimated Dollar Value.
TOTAL COST: A 1-year subscription to Antaike China Metal Market Monthly Reports is:

Copper	$ 800
Alumina and Aluminum	800
Lead, Zinc and Tin	800
Nickel	800
Precious Metals	800
Minor Metals	800
Total	$4,800

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 Reasonably Available".

6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.

Antaike China Metal Market Monthly English language reports provide unique data sets on China's metal markets not readily available elsewhere, including price series and market intelligence on a broad range of metal commodities. Much of the data incorporated into Antaike data series are not readily available outside of China and some may only be available in Chinese. Much of the market data supplied by Antaike is uniquely developed by Antaike through direct industry contacts, established relationships with Chinese government agencies, and direct survey of company data. Antaike also provides unique market analyses based on their compiled data sets and direct market observations. As a China-based company with more than 150 analysts, they are also able to provide information in a more timely manner to that available through official or other channels. China has become the leading world market for these mineral commodities and a comprehensive understanding is important to the National Minerals Information Centers (NMIC) mission of assuring an adequate supply of minerals to the U.S. economy. Antaike data and news features on minor or specialty metals are especially important as China is the leading global supplier of several of these materials, many of which are used in electronic applications, and scarcity of supply has become a growing concern given global competition for raw materials and their unique role in renewable energy production.

- The information in Antaike reports enhances mineral commodity specialists' understanding of issues and activities in the metals industry and is regularly cited in USGS publications. As they cover more in-depth information and collectively a broader range of materials than other industry publications, these publications are used by most of the commodity specialists responsible for nonfuel metals.
- It is important for mineral commodity specialists to have up-to-date information provided electronically in Antaike reports in order for them to be responsive to issues that arise within their respective industries.
- The subscription helps mineral commodity specialists gather valuable information, enhancing their expertise in their role as principal USGS contact point for the mineral commodities to which they are assigned, and in reporting on important industry developments through monthly, quarterly, and annual USGS publications.

7. Other Information.

Not applicable.

8. The Efforts to Identify Additional Sources Including the Market Research Conducted.

No other reasonable sources exist.

Through working in minerals information regularly for more than 20 years, the requestor is familiar with other potential sources, such as Metals Bulletin and CRU International. These publications do not provide Antaike's unique combination of market intelligence and breadth and scope of developments within China's metals industry on a consistent monthly basis.

9. Future Plans to Permit Competition.

Not applicable.

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]

[redacted] Signature 1/29/13 Date

11. Certifications from the Contracting Officer:

a. The contracting officer must include a determination that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable with a short statement for the basis of that determination.
b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[redacted] Feb 4, 2013 Date

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