

**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 Reasonably Available".

**2. Nature of Action Being Approved.** This requisition is for the purchase of necessary mineral reports from Roskill Information Services, Ltd.

Proposed awardee:

Roskill Information Services, Ltd.

54 Russell Road

London, SW19 1QL

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**3. Description of Supplies or Services.** The Mineral Commodity Specialists in the Mineral Commodities Section of the National Minerals Information Center in Reston, Virginia, require the purchase of six Roskill Information Services publications, which provide periodic encyclopedic reports on a broad range of mineral commodities. Commodities specific for this acquisition are Titanium, Lithium, Chromium, Niobium, Iodine, and Salt.

**4. Estimated Dollar Value.** The Total Cost of these reports is \$31,950

**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 Reasonably Available".

**6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.** Roskill reports are up-to-date, comprehensive, encyclopedic reports that cover production (annual capacity, locations, ownership, development plans, resources of deposits, etc for mines, along with similar information on processing facilities), consumption (details on future end uses), stocks, trade and technology, as well as industry structure. This information cannot be easily obtained otherwise because commodity-specific books and reports are often outdated and, if current, do not provide the level of detail required. Moreover, such detailed information is sourced in many publications that would require extensive time and effort to search and compile. With the Roskill reports, all the information is gathered into one place, with each report having a similar outline and providing similar information. No other comparable reports exist from other companies. Roskill Information Services is one of the only companies worldwide that provides research on production of minerals and metals. In particular, its in-depth coverage of the mineral commodities industry (titanium, lithium, chromium, niobium, iodine and salt) is not available elsewhere. If comparable information were available, it would require the purchase of many publications and substantial time for the mineral commodity specialists to gather the quantity of information that is available in one of the Roskill's reports. It would take months to gather a comparable amount of data. The amount of money saved is difficult to quantify because many other publications would need to be purchased and months of each commodity specialist's time would need to be factored in to arrive at a dollar amount. I would estimate many thousands of dollars.

**7. Other Information.**

Not applicable.

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

Through working in minerals information regularly and over a long period of time, the requestor is familiar with other potential sources. These sources would not provide the depth, breadth, and scope of the Roskill studies, which provide unique features as noted above. NMIC specialists have searched for similar data available from other private firms, governments, and NGOs, and have found that no comparable comprehensive information is available in one place.

**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.

*Patricia J. Loferski*

Patricia Loferski , Acting Chief  
Mineral Commodities Section

2-26-19  
Date

**11. Certifications from the Contracting Officer:**

- a. The cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable based on published pricing.
- b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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David P Ouellette, Contracting Officer

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Date

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

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Jennifer Farrell, Bureau Competition Advocate

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Date