

The U.S. Geological Survey intends to make a non-competitive award to HACH Hydromet located in Loveland, Colorado for Solitax ts-line sc/immersion probe 0.001-50g/l: wiper stainless steel to be delivered to USGS, 2280 Woodale DR, Mounds View, MN 55112-4900.

There are no option periods.

HACH Hydromet is the original manufacturer of the required equipment. They maintain the proprietary data rights to the equipment and has no know authorized resellers. The required equipment is of a highly specialized nature and integrates into HACH sc-Controller owned by USGS Mounds View Science Center. Purchase of another manufacturer's equipment would not function with sc-Controller.

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 334516. The size standard is 500 employees.

The anticipated award date of the contract is 01/16/2014. The anticipated contract will be firm fixed-price. A vendor must be registered at <http://www.ccr.gov> to be awarded the contract.

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN
COMPETITION**

SOLITAX ts-line sc/immersion probe

- 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 6.302-1, Only One Reasonable Source and No Other Supplies or Services will Satisfy Agency Requirements.
- 2. Nature of Action Being Approved.** The requested procurement is for a new non-competitive firm fixed price contract for a single award with no options.
- 3. Description of Supplies or Services.** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Water Resources Division, Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility (HIF), requests the award of a non-competitive procurement to HACH HYDROMET for the purchase of a SOLITAX ts-line sc/immersion probe.
- 4. Estimated Dollar Value.** The estimated value of this procurement is \$4,029.00.
- 5. Statutory Authority.** The proposed action may be awarded on a sole source basis in accordance with: FAR 6.302-1, Only One Reasonable Source and No Other Supplies or Services will Satisfy Agency Requirements.
- 6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.** HACH Hydromet is the original equipment manufacturer of the required equipment. HACH Hydromet maintains proprietary data rights to the equipment and has no known authorized resellers. The required equipment is of a highly specialized nature and integrates into HACH sc-Controller owned by USGS Mounds View Science Center. Purchase of another manufacturer's equipment would not function with the sc-Controller.

We request to sole source this requisition to HACH Hydromet as it is the only known source for this equipment that can meet equipment specifications and integration requirements this equipment must be simple to integrate with existing HACH Hydromet sc-Controller equipment.

7. Other Information

This probe interfaces to a HACH Hydromet sc-Controller unit owned by the Water Science Center.

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

Google Internet search turn up no other vendors, other than HACH Hydromet for this product.

9. Future Plans to Permit Competition. To promote competition, HIF continually tests new devices as they become available on the market. HIF routinely attends vendor conferences, trade shows, meetings, and conferences where vendors are present. HIF also attends local Business and Procurement Expositions in order to make vendors aware of USGS needs and business opportunities. HIF encourages vendors to develop and submit products that meet USGS requirements. In addition, HIF promotes visits from vendors to demonstrate and provide information about their products.

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.



Frank S. Henry, Assoc. Chief, HIF

12-3-13
Date

11. Certifications from the Contracting Officer

- a. The contracting officer has determined that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable since the item requested is being under GSA Contract # GS-07F-9314S. GSA prices are already pre-negotiated discount prices.
- b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Contracting Officer

Date