

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE (FSS) AWARD (FAR 8.4)

1. Contracting Agency and Activity. The Department of the Interior (DOI), United States Geological Survey (USGS), Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAG) plans to contract by means other than full and open competition. This document sets forth the justification and approval for award of a Federal Supply Schedule order on a limited source basis as required by FAR 8.405-6.

2. Nature of Action Being Approved.

Firm-fixed priced Delivery Order for annual Sun/Oracle hardware/software maintenance contracts utilized by the Office of Water Information (OWI) to support Oracle Sun development and production servers.

3. Description of Supplies or Services.

The OWI requires the renewal of annual hardware/software maintenance contract for multiple Sun/Oracle servers utilized by the Water Mission Area. Previous award: G15PD00288. The hardware and software is required to be under a maintenance contract for Certification and Accreditation purposes. Multiple GSA and other vendors exist and maintenance support can be purchased through any authorized Sun/Oracle vendor.

4. Estimated Dollar Value: \$242,000 Period of Performance Date of Award – 4/1/2016 - 3/31/2017.

5. Statutory Authority. The proposed action may be awarded on a limited source basis under the authority of FAR 8.405-6(b) "Items peculiar to one manufacturer."

6. Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5

Multiple vendors exist among whom competition will be obtained. As the manufacturer of the hardware and operating system, Sun/Oracle has the right to authorize the maintenance of their product. Only authorized resellers of Sun/Oracle service contracts are allowed to sell service on a Sun/Oracle product.

The NWIS Sun/Oracle project servers were purchased in 2012 are used by the USGS Water user community and managed by Water Mission area. Other Sun/Oracle servers were purchased before 2012 on various USGS projects. Server End of Life on the NWIS project servers is not anticipated until 2020. (The estimated investment in these servers is approximately \$900K-\$1M.) The procurement of an annual hardware/software maintenance contract for these USGS Sun/Oracle servers is essential to the business and science missions and are required for Certification and Accreditation processes. To rewrite new applications that do not require Oracle SPARC processors, procure new equipment, recode, train and gain the current level of experience on Oracle hardware and the Solaris operating system would require 6 months of

dedicated man hours and would require significantly more investment than the current value of the maintenance alone. Replacement of the servers prior to their end-of-useful life date would result in a cost far greater than any savings hoped to be achieved through competition.

7. Other Information. N/A

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

Market research was performed and multiple authorized resellers of this product were found on the GSA Schedules, among whom competition will be obtained.

9. Actions to Overcome Barriers to Competition

When the hardware becomes end of serviceable life (EOSL – est FY20), a new open competition will be made.

10. Recommendation and Certification from Program Office

Based on the above, I recommend this acquisition be conducted on a limited source basis. I certify that technical data which form a basis for this justification, that are the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel are complete and accurate.

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3/8/16
Date

Principal Technologist

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11. Certifications and Approval from the Contracting Officer:

- a. A fair and reasonable price determination will be made based upon anticipated competition among authorized resellers.
- b. This justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

13. Approvals

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