

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER
STENNIS SPACE CENTER, MS 39529-6000**

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1.0 AGENCY/CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

The agency/contracting activity responsible for this requirement is National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), John C. Stennis Space Center, Office of Procurement, Stennis Space Center (SSC), MS 39529

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED

This JOFOC authorizes and approves the issuance of a sole source one month extension of the propulsion Test Operations Contract. The extension period will be from March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011. This extension will ensure continuity of services during the phase-in period for the follow-on contract NNS10AA46C which is scheduled for February 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011. The extension will be under an existing Cost-Plus-Award Fee (CPAF) contract with Jacobs Technology Inc. (JTI). This requirement is not considered to be a commercial item.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

The action provides for continuation of uninterrupted test services and systems operations which include propulsion test operations, maintenance, and direct and ancillary support services for NASA propulsion test mission in support of NASA programs, resident agencies, and commercial tenants.

Currently, all available options under this contract have been exhausted and will expire on February 28, 2011. This action will provide for a one month extension from March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

The estimated value of the one month extension to the existing contract is \$1,498,947, based on the option price for Extension Period 2 which is the last option exercised for the period February 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011. The work for this extension period, March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011, has been estimated to be similar in scope defined for Extension Period 2.

4.0 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 10 U.S.C. 2304 (c)(1), as stated in FAR 6.302-1; there is only one responsible source and no other services will satisfy agency requirements. FAR 6.302-1 (a)(2) allows for exception to full and open competition in the case of follow-on contracts for the continued provision of highly specialized services when it is likely that award to any other source would result in unacceptable delays in fulfilling the agency's requirements.

5.0 NATURE OF THE ACTION THAT REQUIRES USE OF THE AUTHORITY CITED

The current contract was awarded based on “full and open competition” in September 2004. This action is a request for approval of continued and uninterrupted test services and systems operations which is currently being supported by the incumbent contractor, JTI, under the current TOC expiring February 28, 2011. This bridge extension will provide for continuity of services during the transition/phase-in period for the new contract that is scheduled from February 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

These required services are available only from the incumbent because award to any other source for a one month period is not feasible; a contract of this complexity for only a one month period would be cost prohibitive. This one month extension period will ensure that there is no work stoppage or degradation of the mission in fulfilling the agency’s requirements during the phase-in period for the new contract. There would be disruption of services if a contractor other than the incumbent were to perform these services. The incumbent is the only logical source that can bridge the currently provided services due to the complexity of the requirement. The current contractor has received excellent performance ratings and possesses both the manpower and resources to adequately perform these mission critical services for the period contemplated herein. There is no other contract vehicle in place which can provide these services without duplication of cost or unacceptable delays.

With the new contract requiring 60 calendar days for phase in of the new contractor and full performance expected to begin no later than April 1, 2011, the contracting officer has determined that an additional one month period from March 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 would be required to ensure that test services and systems operations are maintained at SSC.

6.0 SOLICITATION EFFORTS

The notice of intent to extend the existing contract was published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) and, pursuant to FAR 5.201, synopsisized in the Government wide point of entry (GPE) (FedBizOpps) on January 3, 2011. No responses were received in response to this notice. Additionally, the follow-on contract was competed under RFP #NNS1033617R on a full and open basis.

7.0 COST CERTIFICATION

The estimated cost of this extension under contract NNS04AB62C will be determined to be fair and reasonable using cost/price analysis techniques and an independent government estimate.

8.0 MARKET SURVEY

This action was published on the NAIS and synopsisized in the GPE. A market survey was conducted for the test operations re-competition.

9.0 OTHER SUPPORTING FACTS

Other than the overall contract value, the remainder of this contract will be unaffected by this action. Award to a source, other than JTI, would result in substantial duplication of cost to NASA, which is not expected to be recovered through competition and would cause unacceptable delays in filling the agency’s need.

10.0 SOURCES EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THIS PROCUREMENT

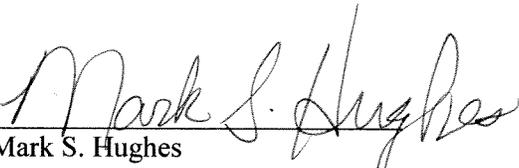
No sources have expressed an interest in this procurement.

11.0 AGENCY ACTIONS TO REMOVE BARRIERS

As stated above, adequate competition was achieved on the re-competition

12.0 TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the support data under my cognizance that are included in this justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. In addition, I certify that the anticipated price to the Government will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that it is fair and reasonable prior to award.


Mark S. Hughes
Alt/Contracting Officer Technical Representative
EA31

01/25/2011
Date

13.0 APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:

I hereby accept the above stated recommendation and determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available. I further certify that the anticipated costs to the Government will be determined fair and reasonable prior to award.

Pursuant to NFS 1805.207 and 1804.570, this proposed action has been published on the NAIS and, pursuant to FAR 5.201, synopsized in the GPE (FedBizOpps). No inquiries were received. A sole source procurement is determined to be necessary due to the reasons expressed herein.

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