

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE ACQUISITION

Maintenance Contract for Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometer (DART)

NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center, will negotiate with JEOL USA, Inc. for maintenance of the DART Mass Spectrometer. The total estimated cost of this effort is \$27,208 (NET OF DISCOUNT) and the estimated period of performance is July 10, 2012 to July 09, 2014.

Pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b) and 13.106-3(b)(3)(i), the acquisition of referenced services are determined to be available from only one source. Competition is impractical for the following reasons:

JEOL USA, Inc. is the only company that can provide this service for the following detailed reasons. The DART is an instrument that was developed by JEOL; they are the original equipment manufacturer. They are the only known company which can supply the necessary parts and skilled repair service engineers for the maintenance and repair of this equipment. The software that operates the instrument was written by them. The service engineers are specifically trained for the maintenance, repair and alterations of the instrument.

Based upon the above, I hereby determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available for this acquisition. I certify that the supporting data presented in this justification are accurate and complete.


Kathleen B. Loftin/NE-L6

4/16/2012
Date

I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Contracting Officer

5/16/12
Date