

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER**

**RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FOR BRAND
NAME FOR LabVIEW SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT
ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

I recommend that NASA, Stennis Space Center (SSC) solicit the LabVIEW Software Development Environment as an Enterprise Agreement. The Software Development Environment was used to develop numerous applications existing in the Test Complex at SSC. Therefore, this environment is required to continue development and maintenance of these software applications within the SSC Test Complex.

However, the maintenance for such licenses has since expired and NASA SSC is required to procure these licenses for the ability to continue development and maintenance of LabVIEW Software applications at SSC as well as for personnel supporting these projects to be trained in use of the environment.

The National Instruments Corporation of Austin, TX licenses the LabVIEW Software Development Environment and is the only product that will satisfy the requirement for the maintenance of software applications developed in this environment.

This requirement is considered to be a commercial item. It is anticipated that this requirement will be provided under a fixed price purchase order, with options to renew the licenses annually for a maximum period of performance of three (3) years after receipt of order.

This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i), for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source (e.g. brand name).

In order to accomplish our mission of supporting NASA's software development and maintenance for SSC's Test Complex, licenses for such software applications are required. The effort and time required to re-develop such applications at SSC using another language is cost and schedule prohibitive.

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR 6.302-1 and 10 U.S.C. 2304 (c)(1), as there is only one brand item and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements. The use of such description in the acquisition is essential to the Government's requirement, thereby, precluding consideration of a product produced by another company.

Pursuant to NFS 1805.207 and 1804.570, and FAR 5.201, a brand name synopsis will be published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) and the Government wide point of entry (GPE) (FedBizOpps) expressing our intent to issue a purchase order for this requirement. This will be a combined synopsis/solicitation pursuant to FAR 12.603. All responses received will be addressed.

I certify that the anticipated price to the Government will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that it is fair and reasonable prior to award. In addition, 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.

//SIGNED//
Phillip W. Hebert, SR.

07/15/14
Date

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:

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

//SIGNED//
Gerald Norris
Contracting Officer

07/16/14
Date