

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
GEORGE C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER (MSFC)

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (JOFOC)  
PURSUANT TO TITLE 10 U.S.C. 2304 (C) (1)

1. This document is a Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC) prepared by the NASA MSFC in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 6.3, Other Than Full and Open Competition, and NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) Part 1806.3, Other Than Full and Open Competition.
2. **Nature and/or description of the action being approved:**

This justification provides the rationale for contracting by other than full and open competition with Dynetics Technical Services, Incorporated (DTS) under contract NNM10AA03C for the continuation of Marshall Information Technology Services (MITS) effort. The Center requires a 12 – month extension in the services provided by this competitively awarded cost plus fixed fee contract. MITS is the primary provider of information technology and communication services for the MSFC, the National Space Science and Technology Center (NSSTC) in Huntsville, Alabama, and the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) in New Orleans, Louisiana. This proposed extension is a bridge action until such time as the service disabled veteran owned small business (SDVOSB) set-aside follow-on competition is completed. This extension will allow MSFC to continue receiving highly specialized Information Technology (IT) Services to support NASA's missions without disruption and at the appropriate levels. The proposed extension is required due to the revised schedule for award of the follow-on MITS contract provided by the Source Evaluation Board (SEB). The revised extended schedule for award is based on the number of proposals received for this competition. There is no other source positioned to support the operation and maintenance of IT Services without substantial risk of unacceptable delays impacting the agency's mission. These services are mission critical, ensuring safe and reliable IT Services are obtained for programs and project to meet the agency's mission.

Approval of this action will allow for continuation of these services through the completion of the re-competition process for the MITS requirement.

3. **Description of the supplies or services required, including estimated value:**

The MITS contract will provide all necessary managerial and technical expertise to support the Office of Chief Information Office (OCIO) in meeting the needs of MSFC, NSSTC, and MAF, excluding LAN services and desktop services, as follows: IT security services, IT planning, policy, architecture & integration, telecommunications services, applications and web services, computer services, and audio visual information services.

This action will allow NASA/MSFC to continue receiving highly specialized information technology services to support NASA's missions without disruption and at the appropriate

levels, through the re-competition of the MITS contract. The estimated value of these services for the 12 – month extension period of February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 is \$59M.

**4. Statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:**

This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR Part 6.302-1, which implements the authority of 10 U.S.C. Sec. 2304(c)(1), when an agency's need for supplies or services are available from only one responsible source that will satisfy Agency requirements.

**5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires the authority cited:**

This bridge action is necessary in order to fulfill the Government's essential requirement for IT services and this bridge extension will be utilized only until the follow-on SDVOSB set-aside competitive contract can be awarded. A SEB is in receipt of proposals for evaluation. Due to the nature of the services provided and the continued need for this services without disruption not only to the Center's programs and projects but all to NSSTC and MAF, a break in service would have a severe, negative impact on these facilities in fulfilling their missions.

**6. Description of the efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as practicable:**

Pursuant to NASA FAR Supplement Part 1804.570, this proposed action will be published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Services (NAIS) and pursuant to FAR Part 5.201, this proposed action will be synopsized in the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO). Any responses received as a result of the publishing on NAIS and FBO will be appropriately dispositioned and documented in an addendum to this document.

**7. A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:**

The proposal will be evaluated and negotiated to obtain a fair and reasonable cost. Certified cost or pricing data will be requested upon completion of negotiations. The proposal will also be compared to available historical data from the current MITS contract.

**8. Description of the market survey conducted, and the results, or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted:**

Market research was not conducted since this effort represents continuation of effort that must be completed with the same expertise and without disruption to support the Agency's missions.

**9. Other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition:**

There are no other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition than previously stated.

**10. Sources, if any, that expressed an interest in writing in the acquisition:**

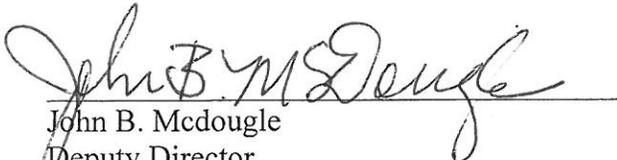
There have been no written expressions of interest in this contract extension action to date. However, if any are received as a result of the NAIS publication or the FBO synopsis, they will be appropriately dispositioned and documented by addendum to this document.

**11. The actions, if any, the Agency may take to remove or overcome barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required:**

A re-compete of the MSFC's information technology contract is being conducted and is currently in the evaluation stage. This extension will enable continued performance of the contract through the completion of the re-competition of the MITS contract. Previous competitions of the MSFC information technology services have resulted in a sufficient number of responsible sources submitting contract proposals for these services. While DTS's advantage by virtue of its position is not considered an unfair advantage, it is nevertheless considerable and could adversely affect the number of competitors if a competition for this effort was held prior to the completion of the current re-competition. With approval of this action, there is no concern over the potential lack of competition for these services in subsequent acquisitions. Accordingly, there are no other actions the Agency needs to take to remove or overcome barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for supplies or services required.

For the above reasons, full and open competition is not feasible. Therefore, purchase of the services from DTS is the only practical approach.

I hereby certify the facts in this justification and any supporting data which form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

  
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John B. McDougle  
Deputy Director  
Office of Chief Information Officer

12/15/14  
Date

I hereby certify that the above justification is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. In addition, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

  
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Ketela K. Helton  
Contracting Officer

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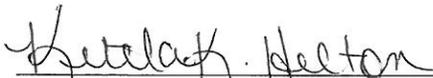
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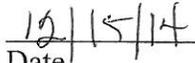
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ADDENDUM TO  
JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (JOFOC)  
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Title of Procurement: Modification for 12 month Extension to the Marshall Information  
Technology Services (MITS) Contract

Pursuant to NFS 1804.570 and FAR 5.201, a synopsis of the proposed contract action was posted  
on the NASA Acquisition Internet Services (NAIS) and the Federal Business Opportunities  
websites. No other firms submitted capabilities or qualification statements for this requirement.

  
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Ketela K. Helton  
Contracting Officer

  
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