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Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC)

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity, and specific identification of the document as a “Justification for other than full and open competition.”

In accordance with FAR 6.303-1(a), this document is a “Justification for Other than full and open competition” prepared by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Armstrong Flight Research Center (NASA AFRC), Acquisition Management Office.

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved.

This document justifies a 6 month extension of Contract No. NND10AH15C with the incumbent contractor Media Fusion, Inc, who performs the Center Administrative and Technical Support Services (CATSS), which will be described in item number 3. An extension is necessary to account for changes in the follow-on requirement which were necessary, but occurred late in the acquisition process. These changes were captured in draft solicitations posted under NND15520845R. A few functions were also re-aligned from the Engineering and Technical Services (ETS) requirement to be more appropriately placed on the CATSS effort. The Performance Work Statement (PWS) and Request for Proposal for the follow-on effort could not be issued until the requirement was finalized, not allowing for sufficient time to receive proposals and award the new contract.

The period of performance for the present contract commenced on March 1, 2010 and expires on February 28, 2015. This action requests a 6 month extension from March 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015, on using other than full and open competition.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency’s needs (including the estimated value).

The contractor shall perform high quality Administrative and Technical Support Services (CATSS) to assist NASA-AFRC fulfill its missions. These services include functions that support NASA-AFRC through ongoing requirements and special projects. Firm Fixed Price (FFP) requirements include administrative office support; resource support; acquisition support; Center travel office support; and scientific and technical information support, which include the technical publications office, research library, and reproduction center, business system support and Full Cost for Information Technologies.

General Requirements.

The following are general requirements associated with providing administrative and technical support services to NASA-DFRC:

Onsite management and oversight - The point of contact or designee shall be available for discussion with the Government representatives during normal working hours.

Appropriate management systems - Ensure the quality, reliability, accuracy, and timeliness of all products and services provided to NASA-AFRC.

Documentation of projects and work assignments - The Contractor will develop status reports and plans as directed by the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) or Task Monitor (TM).

Meetings - Contractor personnel may be required to attend specific meetings, training, conferences, or to provide temporary offsite support.

Employee Rosters - The Contractor shall furnish a copy of their onsite employee roster for the performance of this PWS. The roster shall contain the Contractor's full name of each employee, job title or position held by each employee, employee's work site, telephone number and Task Monitor. The Contractor shall keep this chart updated and notify the COR within seven calendar days, in writing, whenever changes are made. This paragraph shall not relieve the Contractor of the requirements related to the key personnel clause (Section H) of the contract.

Reports: The contractor shall provide the reports as required in the contract.

4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.

6.302-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements. Citations 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1) or 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1) apply. Exception is defined as "When the supplies or services required by the agency are available only one or a limited number of responsible sources, and no other type of supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements, full and open competition need not be provided for."

Within the 6 month time-frame allowed, there is only one responsible source in terms of schedule and delivery.

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

Media Fusion, Inc. is uniquely qualified to provide the requirement to the Center in an economic and efficient manner. Media Fusion, Inc. personnel have hands-on experience and are presently working on the current requirement. A substantial amount of time and effort would be needed to train another contractor on tasks that Media Fusion, Inc. personnel have performed for the past 5 years, and would result in a substantial disruption to the Center's administrative and technical support services requirements. In addition to an estimated one month transition time for a new contractor to perform the 6 month extension, badging and clearance requirements would need to be addressed with a new contractor. The government would also have to solicit and award a new contract for the 6 month extension. The transition cost is highly unlikely to be recovered through competition.

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable, including whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by Subpart 5.2 and, if not, which exception under 5.202 applies.

NASA Armstrong has greatly reduced major acquisition lead times in the past few years. Although this solicitation has not met the desired lead time, planning has occurred much more succinctly and efficiently in this acquisition for all stake-holders than in previous acquisitions for the same or similar services and the team is confident that it will only require one extension to complete the follow-on. The follow-on effort has been posted as an 8(a) set-aside through the Government-wide Point of Entry (GPE) using solicitation number NND15520845R after extensive market research. The Government conducted streamlining through the Requests for Information (RFIs) and posting draft solicitations in the attempt to receive for comments from private industry. These efforts have been successful.

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

Contract NND10AH15C was awarded as a Firm-Fixed-Price effort. The overall price was determined fair and reasonable based on adequate price competition and appropriate price analysis. Throughout the performance of contract NND10AH15C, several modifications to the price were made, each of which adjusted the total contract price by the current Media Fusion, Inc. rates and an appropriate profit amount. Each of these changes in price were determined fair and reasonable and the invoices were changed accordingly. Media Fusion proposed a total amount of \$2,407,136.11. This amount is comparable to historically invoiced amounts for this effort.

This is the exact monthly cost price based on all changes that have been made and the rates which were effective when those changes were made. There have been no wage determination adjustment by the Secretary of Labor for the labor categories covered under this contract. Therefore, the price is reasonable based on prices found fair and reasonable on previous modifications for the same service.

8. A description of the market research conducted among schedule holders and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.

Market research has been conducted for the follow-on acquisition through Sources Sought Notice No. NND15520845R and several revisions of the draft solicitation.

9. Any other facts supporting the justification.

None.

10. A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.

None.

