

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Armstrong Flight Research Center
Edwards, California 93523**

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 (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center (AFRC), Acquisition Management Office.

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

This document justifies a six (6)-month extension of Contract No. NND10AH15C with the incumbent contractor Media Fusion, Inc, who performs the Center Administrative and Technical Support Services (CATSS), described in item number 3. An extension is necessary to account for delays associated with a contract award for the follow-on competition due to a timely pre-award protest. This protest has been resolved and contract award and debriefings are currently in process.

The period of performance for the present contract commenced on March 1, 2010 and expires on August 31, 2015. This action requests a six (6)-month extension from August 31, 2015 to February 29, 2016 which includes a one (1) one-month base period, and five (5) one-month option periods. This extension will be awarded using other than full and open competition and in accordance with a FAR and NASA FAR deviation.

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

Services received under this contract are critical to mission operations at AFRC and include high quality Administrative and Technical Support Services. These services include functions that support NASA-AFRC through ongoing requirements and special projects, including administrative office support; resource support; acquisition support; Center travel office support; and scientific and technical information support, which includes the Technical Publications Office, Research Library, and Reproduction Center, business system support and Full Cost for Information Technologies.

The estimated value of the services for this potentially six (6)-month extension is \$2,500,000. The Independent Government Estimate was developed based on historical costs incurred at AFRC under the current effort, as well as a review of the continuing requirements during the extended performance period.

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

This requirement will be procured under the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition, FAR 6.302-1, Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements (10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1) or 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1))

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

The current contractor, Media Fusion, Inc., is uniquely qualified to perform the CATSS requirement to the Center in an economic and efficient manner, having performed these services since March 1, 2010. This contractor's personnel have hands-on experience and are presently in-place executing the requirement. A substantial amount of time and effort would be needed to replace and train another contractor on tasks that Media Fusion, Inc. personnel have successfully performed for the past five (5) and one-half years. This would result in a substantial disruption to the Center's administrative and technical support services requirements, as well as Center operations.

Additionally, Media Fusion, Inc., is the only contractor that can meet AFRC's needs given the short period remaining to extend the existing contract due to the protest. 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 potential six (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 FAR Subpart 5.2 and, if not, which exception under FAR 5.202 applies.

No other offers will be solicited, as AFRC is currently in the source selection process for the follow-on CATSS procurement. It would be impracticable, and not in the Government's best interest, to solicit sources for this extension while AFRC is conducting a competitive follow-on procurement. A synopsis will be posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website to notify the public of NASA's intent to extend the subject contract and provide instructions for interested parties to submit their capabilities.

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

Contract NND10AH15C was competitively 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, modifications to the price were found fair and reasonable, having been made in accordance with the contractor's applicable rates and adjustments associated with revised Service Contract Labor Standards (SCLS) Wage Determinations. Prior to the award of this extension, a proposal analysis will be performed in accordance with FAR 15.404. The

analysis will ensure the final agreed-to amount of the extension is fair and reasonable. Pre-negotiation objectives will be prepared and approved prior to the initiation of negotiations in accordance with FAR 15.406.

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.

Although there is a possibility there may be other sources capable of providing these services at AFRC for the potential six (6)-month extension period, it is not in NASA's best interest to award a competitive contract to bridge the period between the expiration of these services and the award of a new CATSS contract.

9. Any other facts supporting the justification.

Media Fusion's performance has been characterized as very good to exceptional throughout the performance of the existing contract.

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

A notice of this extension will be posted on the Federal Business Opportunities website. If the Government receives any responses which may change the content of this document, an amended JOFOC will be prepared.

11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers that led to the restricted consideration before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made.

Previous competition for CATSS at AFRC was adequate. The proposed extension is due solely to the need to continue the critical CATSS services at AFRC to allow the Center to complete a follow-on CATSS contract. Therefore, there are no actions the Agency needs to take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition.

For the foregoing reasons, Media Fusion, Inc., is the only responsible source to support the critical requirement for Center Administrative and Technical Support Services during the six (6)-month performance period.

TECHNICAL OFFICER:

I certify that the facts and supporting data which form the basis of this justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

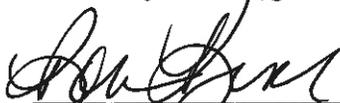
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Date

CONTRACTING OFFICER:

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

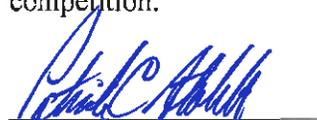


Robbin Kessler

8/27/15
Date

CENTER COMPETITION
ADVOCATE:
(APPROVAL)

Based on the facts set forth in this JOFOC, I approve the extension of Contract No. NND10AH15C for six (6)-months using other than full and open competition.



Patrick C. Stoliker

8/27/15
Date