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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Washington, DC

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL**

**OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION/BRAND NAME**

REQUISITION NUMBER: 6500-OARS-15-0037

1. CONTRACTING OFFICE

United States International Trade Commission  
Office of Procurement  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436

REQUIRING OFFICE

United States International Trade Commission  
**Office of Analysis & Research Services**  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436

2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION(S). In accordance with FAR Subpart 6.303-2, this justification for other than full and open competition will result in award of a firm fixed price contract to American Metal Market (2 licensed seats).

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES. This requirement is to purchase a 12 month subscription to American Metal Market.

Estimated Contract Value

4. STATUTORY AUTHORITY. FAR Subpart 6.302-1 and 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1): When the supplies or services required by the agency are available from only one responsible source, and no other type of supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements, full and open competition need not be provided for.

5. DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR OR BRAND UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

American Metal Market (AMM) is an important source of information on the North American ferrous (and to a lesser extent, nonferrous) industries. Specifically, AMM provides in-depth coverage of the U.S. steel industry and market through its news articles, analysis, and pricing data. The subscription includes a searchable archive and historical pricing time series. AMM information is frequently used in developing

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write-ups on the U.S. industry. Further, pricing series from AMM for final steel products as well as intermediate steel products are frequently presented in reports. A similar, comprehensive source of detailed U.S. steel industry and market information as well as metals sector pricing are not available elsewhere.

6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS ARE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE

No competitors.

7. DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, 15.4, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. The Price Reasonableness Memorandum detailing the Fair and Reasonable Price Determination will be included in the contract file documentation.

8. MARKET RESEARCH

Market Research was conducted in accordance with FAR Subpart 10, and it was determined that the above stated requirement is commercially available in the commercial market place from one vendor, AMM.

The Main Library routinely invites and solicits demonstrations and trials for the research community to evaluate relative to ongoing and changing requirements. No known peer products exist for this resource.

9. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

Usage of the product platform and feedback assessment from the end users remains positive and praiseworthy relative to current requirements.

10. LISTING OF SOURCES

None.

11. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

Continuous market research is conducted to identify any new vendors who may offer similar information.

12. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

By signing below "I have reviewed this justification and find it to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Approved By: Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Officer

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13. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

By signing below "I certify that the supporting technical data which form a basis for this justification, that are the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Prepared By: Print Name

Signature

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Approved By: Print Name J

Signature     

**FOIA EXEMPTION (b) (6)**

/Cost Center Manager

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