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**Justification & Approval  
 For Other Than Full & Open  
 Competition/Brand Name**

USITC - 052 (Rev. 8/2016)

**REQUISITION NUMBER:** 6500-OARS-17-0027

**1. CONTRACTING OFFICE**

U.S. International Trade Commission  
 Office of Procurement  
 500 E Street, SW  
 Washington, DC 20436

**REQUIRING OFFICE**

U.S. International Trade Commission  
 Office of Analysis and Research Services  
 500 E Street, SW  
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**2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION(S)**

Sole Source

In accordance with FAR Subpart 6.303-2, this justification for other than full and open competition will result in award of a sole source contract to Metal Bulletin

**3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES (Check box below:)**

This requirement is to purchase:

Renewal of license and subscription to Welded Linepipe & OCTG Tracker (formerly Welded Steel Tue & Pipe Monthly)

- Support services (non-R&D)
- Supplies/equipment
- Information technology (IT)
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**4. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE**

\$4,115.00

**5. ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/ DELIVERY DATE**

Period of Performance

3/1/2017 to 2/28/2018

Options Through: \_\_\_\_\_



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### 6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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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 the 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.

### 7. DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR OR BRAND UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

Welded Linepipe & OCTG Market Tracker provides the Natural Resources & Energy Division (NRE) with critical data and analysis on this steel sub-sector. Such information supports research efforts along with investigations and cases held before the Commission. Metal Bulletin provides must-have timely information including price indications. As well as covering all global metals and steel markets and provides a comprehensive package of the latest news, pricing information, expert market commentary and statistics. Welded Linepipe & OCTG Market Tracker is considered a critical resource for the NRE Division within the Office of Industries under the Office of Operations. Main Library conducted market research Online, along with end user community efforts, has found no other competing sources for this coverage and cost.

### 8. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE OFFERS WERE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE

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### 9. DESCRIPTION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, 15.4, it is hereby determined 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.

### 10. MARKET RESEARCH

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



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### 11. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

n/a

### 12. LISTING OF SOURCES

None

### 13. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

Should market research reveal a peer to this unique publication and resource, future competition is ensured.



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### 14. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL/REQUIRING OFFICE CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations in this justification, included herein, meet the Government's need and that the supporting data which forms the basis for this justification is complete and accurate

Prepared By:	<b>Print Name:</b> _____	Requestor/COR
	<b>Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> <u>2/17/17</u>
Approved By:	<b>Print Name:</b> _____	Office Director/Cost Center Manager
	<b>Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> <u>2/17/17</u>

### 15. CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I have received this justification and find it to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Approved By:	<b>Print Name:</b> _____	Contracting Officer
	<b>Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> <u>3-1-17</u>