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

USITC - 052 (Rev. 8/2016)

REQUISITION NUMBER: 0500-OGC-17-0036

1. CONTRACTING OFFICE

U.S. International Trade Commission
Office of Procurement
500 E Street, SW
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REQUIRING OFFICE

U.S. International Trade Commission
Office of General Counsel
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 _____ Inside Washington Online and China Trade Extra

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

This requirement is to purchase:

World Trade Online and China Trade Extra

- ☐ Support services (non-R&D)
☒ Supplies/equipment
☐ Information technology (IT)
☐ Other (specify): _____

4. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE

\$0.00

5. ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/ DELIVERY DATE

Period of Performance

4/1/2017

to

3/31/2018

Options Through:



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6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Sole Source

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

The Commission has been a subscriber to World Trade Online since its first year - 1982.

Over the years the service has evolved from a printed weekly newsletter to an Online service with daily updates. These daily updates generally provide the first and quickest access to public trade negotiation documents promulgated by such organizations as the WTO. The updates also generally provide the earliest and quickest access to local international trade issues.

World Trade Online has a 34 year historical database that allows the user to search for and retrieve from one source primary and other documents related to various trade negotiations. Working in this one database the user can easily put together such things as a linear time line of a negotiation such as the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

While the service does provide daily updates - one of its most popular resources is its Friday newsletter Inside US Trade. The weekly newsletter provides a quick synopsis of what has happened in the trade field during the past week.

World Trade Online also offers access trade information from China. Again the service generally offers the first and quickest access to what is happening in China.

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

Law Library staff has reviewed the offerings of comparable vendors and found no other sources for the services. One important thing other vendors do not have is the in-depth current and historical coverage of China - which helps with the agency's China studies.



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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 one vendor, Inside Washington Publishers.

Law Library staff contacted representatives at Bloomberg BNA and at Washington Trade Daily and neither company could offer the historical depth searchable archives that World Trade Online offers.



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11. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

None.

12. LISTING OF SOURCES

There are no other sources other than Inside Washington Publishers offering the online subscription World Trade Online and China Trade Extra.

13. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

The Commission's Law Library staff will periodically review offerings by other publishers/vendors to ascertain whether other sources can supply the information the Commission requires.



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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: **Print Name:** Robert Bauchspies

Requestor/COR

Signature: ROBERT BAUCHSPIES

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Date: 3/24/2017

Approved By: **Print Name:** James Kennedy

Office Director/Cost Center Manager

Signature: JAMES KENNEDY

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Date: March 24, 2017

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: **Print Name:** [REDACTED]

Contracting Officer

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/29/17