

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

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Authority: FAR 6.302-1 only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Description: This is an award for continued access to an on-line subscription to Thomson Reuters Web of Science for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency desktop services thru EPA Library Network

Period of Performance: 03 March 2011 through 31 December 2011

Estimated Contract Value: \$256,451.00

Proposed Contractor: Thomson Reuters (Scientific) Inc.

Justification:

This document recommends that EPA keep in place its access to Thomson Reuters on-line Web of Science which provides unlimited access to databases online via the Internet to several umbrella EPA Internet Protocol (IP) addresses that provide access to everyone at EPA. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires access to the Web of Science Bibliographic database for all US EPA staff and cooperators based at EPA Headquarters including regional and lab locations. This database includes the current year's data files and back years' files beginning January 1, 2000 for Science Citation Index and covers all year for high impact research journals dating back to 1945. Additionally, this database include

search capability of Medline, the world's premier biomedical databases. Specific requirements of the journal indexing database:

- a) Index must cover a broad range of disciplines including chemistry, mathematics, physics, medical and life sciences, biological sciences, engineering, environmental science, materials science, computer and information science, and agriculture.
- b) Index must cover journals back to at least 1900 and that coverage should include all cited references. All indexed articles should include all available references back to at least 1900.
- c) Index must provide conference proceedings back to at least 1990.
- d) Index must provide access to the Thomson Reuters Journal Impact factor. This is copyrighted and proprietary to Thomson Reuters and must be obtained from Thomson Reuters.
- e) Index must provide imbedded citation management in Microsoft Word through a program, such as EndNote or equal. This extends beyond simply exporting references to the programs, and rather requires that the bibliographic management software be component of the index.
- f) Index must allow for the location of all articles, across all disciplines, which have cited references in common.
- g) Index must provide a web link to all the papers that have cited it, and those which it has cited.
- h) Index must continually provide alerts to the user in regards to new papers that are related to a specific research area or cited references.
- i) Index must provide access to MEDLINE.
- j) Index must be completely web-based and provide access to all Agency computers simultaneously and not be limited to a specific number of users at one time or a specific number of licenses.
- k) Index must provide citation reports that provide statistical data on the number and frequency of publications by a particular person, university, laboratory, research center, or geographic region. The provided data should be sortable by subject area, authority, geographic region, university, laboratory, research center, and number of publications.
- l) Index must search and provide access to more than simply the journals of one publisher. Indexing products of publishers indexing exclusively their journals will not be considered.
- m) The index is required to allow user rights in perpetuity for archives after contract award.

Contractor Qualification:

Thomson Reuters is qualified to perform the continued access to Web of Science publications for EPA as Thomson Reuters's Web of Science is the most complete and comprehensive bibliographic source of research information in the world. The database provides seamless access to current and retrospective multi-disciplinary information from the most prestigious, high impact research journals. Web of Science's unique search method, cited reference searching, enables users to navigate backward, forward, and through the literature, searching all disciplines and time spans to uncover all information relevant to the research. The Web of Science database cover all years back to 1945, and backbite can be purchase incrementally as needed or funds become available. Web of Science also includes additional

content and search such as; Science Citations Index Expanded (SCIE), Journal Citation Reports (JCR), and Current Contents Connect (CCC).

Efforts to solicit from other sources:

No other sources were solicited as this requirement is for the continue to Web of Science which is used by the U.S. EPA's scientific community to review and search multiple journals for research and information gathering.

Reasonableness of Cost:

Thomson Reuters submitted a cost proposal that is reasonable and continues to afford EPA access to the Web of Science publications. EPA's IAD manages access to information on the Agency's Intranet site by providing access to an electronic version of Web of Science by Thomson Reuters Citation Databases online is expected to save the Agency money over time by allowing EPA to discontinue purchase of hard copy publications and to save on inter-library loan requests. At the same time, this electronic version provides a more convenient access to approximately 18,000 connected EPA staff, by providing desktop access. Another advantage of electronic access is the ability for an easier, broader, and faster searching and browsing of available information, including journals. Cost is compared to hard copy purchases of journals which are more expensive than on-line access.

Other Factors: None

Action:


There is only one source for this requirement. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations Subpart 6.302-1 the justification for other than full and open competition must be approved by the Contracting Officer.

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief

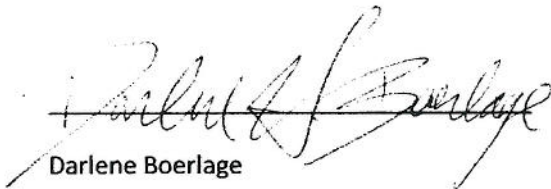
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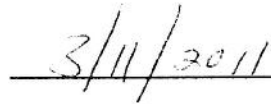
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