

BRAND NAME LIMITED SOURCE JUSTIFICATION
Splunk Enterprise Software License Upgrade and Maintenance
HTC711-14-Q-D074
14-34

1. CONTRACTING ACTIVITY.

United States Transportation Command, DPO Support Division, USTRANSCOM/TCAQ-D, 508 Scott Drive, Building 1961, Scott AFB, IL 62225.

2. NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED.

The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) requires other than full and open competition for the upgrade of Splunk Enterprise perpetual software license from 50GB to 100GB of reporting capability and annual Software Maintenance Support. In accordance with FAR 8.401, this acquisition is being conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program. Award of a firm-fixed price contract is anticipated with a base period of 12 months (15 June 2014 to 14 June 2015), and 3 option periods (12 months each).

3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEEDS.

SDDC uses the Splunk Enterprise software as an audit log repository and reporting tool for all of SDDC's Transportation Systems IT and enterprise environment support components. The capturing, storing, and reporting of the audit logs is required in order to be compliant with DOD, USTC, and DISA Information Assurance (IA) requirements. As part of the USTC and TCC's MAC II & III Environment, SDDC must use Splunk Enterprise software since it is the enterprise solution used by USTC and the TCC's to provide automated reporting to USTC. SDDC needs to increase the current Splunk Enterprise perpetual software license from 50GB to 100GB to support both the increased number of IT components that must audited and reported now that SDDC has completed the move from the SDDC Combined Computing Environment (CCE) to the USTC and TCC's MAC II & III Environment, and the increase of the types of mandatory audits that DISA has levied on the SDDC IA team to perform and report. The total estimated value of this acquisition is with a Period of Performance for the entire life of the contract of 15 June 2014 to 14 June 2018 (Base: 06/15/2014 to 06/14/2015; Option One: 06/15/2015 to 06/14/2016; Option Two: 06/15/2016 to 06/14/2017; Option Three: 06/15/2017 to 06/14/2018).

4. IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE.

FAR 8.405-6(a) (2) – The brand name item is peculiar to one manufacturer and it is essential to the Government's requirement.

5. DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

The current Splunk Enterprise perpetual license only allows for the collection and reporting of up to 50GB of data and the additional audit reporting requirements listed in Para 3 have

increase SDDC's reporting requirements beyond the 50GB limit. Additionally, Splunk Enterprise software is the enterprise solution used by USTC and the TCC's; if SDDC were to unilaterally switch to another product it would require substantial changes to recode the reporting systems at both SDDC and USTC incurring additional costs to both organizations that would exceed the costs savings of switching to another product. Without an increase in reporting capability and maintenance support, SDDC's IA team would be unable to comply with mandatory DOD, USTC, and DISA IA reporting requirements of the audit logs for all of SDDC's IT components to USTC.

6. DETERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.404(d).

A combined synopsis/solicitation will be posted to GSA eBuy IAW FAR 5.202 (a) (6).

Market research conducted has determined that Splunk or its authorized sellers are the only sources available for the license upgrade and software maintenance products. A search of GSA Advantage found Five (5) small businesses, that are resellers of Splunk Enterprise Software and are GSA schedule holders. Based on the expectation of competition, the Contracting Officer anticipates that a fair and reasonable price will be obtained.

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED, AND THE RESULTS, OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED.

Market research was conducted March 2014 in order to determine whether there are any other resellers of the Splunk software license and software maintenance. IAW DFARS 208.7403, a search was made of the ESI site and no vendors were found for Splunk. A search on GSA Advantage, however, revealed five (5) small business schedules holders that are resellers of Splunk Enterprise Software. In addition, a phone call was held with the POC from the software manufacturer that confirmed there are no resellers of Splunk on ESI and there are several resellers on GSA eBuy that would provide for sufficient competition.

8. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION.

None.

9. 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.

The sources to acquire the needed software maintenance support are limited and no other brand of software can provide the support needed for this requirement.

10. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION.

I certify that the data supporting the recommended use of other than full and open competition is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Contracting Officer

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11. TECHNICAL AND REQUIREMENTS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION.

I certify that the data supporting the recommended use of other than full and open competition is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Greg Doyle
SDDC Enterprise Hardware/Software Manager

11 April 2014
DATE