

## SAP SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  
Office of Acquisition Operations  
Technology Acquisition Center  
1701 Directors Blvd  
Austin, TX 78744

2. This requirement will be accomplished via:

New Purchase Order

Purchase Order will be:

Firm Fixed Price

Type of Funds (e.g. *Supply Fund, Franchise Fund, IT, etc.*):

Franchise Funds

3. **Description of Supplies or Services.**

Software Maintenance as a Product :

Item name: Serengeti 3770/C LINK Client

Part of or used with: Microsoft Host Integration Server

Quantity being procured: 170

Estimated Total cost: \$29,735.88

VA, Office of Information and Technology, Service Delivery and Engineering, Enterprise Operations, Austin Information Technology Center (AITC) requires software maintenance for 170 VA-owned Serengeti Systems software licenses. The software maintenance will consist of software upgrades and updates, which include major version releases, point releases, service releases, and security patch releases. The period of performance will be October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016.

4. **Authority Cited.**

FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)

For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available.

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5. **Reason for Authority Cited.**

The proposed source for this action is: Serengeti Systems Inc.  
812 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701-2053

[ X ] Other rationale for not promoting competition, as follows:

VA, AITC, technical personnel conducted market research in May 2015, which consisted of an internet search for software that could be deemed equivalent to the VA-owned Serengeti Systems brand name software. This market research showed that no other equivalent software products are available on the market, and that the only way to meet the Government's need is to procure maintenance for the existing Serengeti software. Additionally, the AITC technical personnel stated that due to the Serengeti software licensing agreement and the proprietary aspects of the software source code, that only Serengeti Systems can provide the required software maintenance. If the Serengeti software isn't appropriately maintained and ceases to function, AITC regional users will not be able to pull information from AITC mainframes.

6. **Efforts to Obtain Competition.**

[ X ] There is only one responsible source for this item. Efforts made to locate additional sources are described under the "Market Research" section of this document. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. Procurement data does not include any unnecessary requirements that may inhibit competition.

7. **Actions to Increase Competition.**

[ X ] Other actions that will be accomplished to increase competition:

As detailed in the market research section below, procuring the brand name Serengeti Systems software maintenance is the only way to satisfy the Government's need. Prior to future acquisitions, the market will be assessed to determine the emergence of other brand name software that could meet the Government's needs.

8. **Market Research.**

[ X ] The market research consisted of the following:

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the Serengeti Systems Product Manager, dated September 11, 2014, which states that Serengeti Systems is the sole supplier for the required software maintenance, and that the software maintenance is not sold through distributors, resellers, or discounters. The contract specialist obtained an updated letter from the Serengeti product manager, dated August 26, 2015

### 9. Interested Sources.

[ X ] No other source has expressed written interest in supplying this item.

[ X ] Solicitation covering this procurement will not be synopsisized in the Federal Business Opportunities Page pursuant to FAR 5.202(a)(13)

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10. **Technical and Requirements Certification.** I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Preparer

Name: Linda Elsby  
Title: Program Manager

Date: 9/2/2015

*Linda Elsby*

Digitally signed by Elsby Linda  
DN: cn=elsby, ou=internalStaff,  
ou=Entites, ou=internalStaff,  
cn=Elsby, Linda  
Reason: I attest to the accuracy  
and integrity of this document.  
Date: 2015.09.01 14:48:30  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Determination of Fair and Reasonable Price.** I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable based on data other than certified cost and pricing data and comparison with the Independent Government Cost Estimate.

Name: Lateefah S. Parker  
Title: Procuring Contracting Officer

Date: 9/2/2015

Signature: *Lateefah S. Parker*

12. **Procuring Contracting Officer Certification.** I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Lateefah S. Parker  
Title: Procuring Contracting Officer

Date: 9/2/2015

Signature: *Lateefah S. Parker*