

LIMITED-SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Office of Acquisition Operations
Technology Acquisition Center
23 Christopher Way
Eatontown, NJ 07724
2. Description of Action: The proposed action is for a brand name sole source firm-fixed-price task order that will be awarded under General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Contract number GS-35F-0265X to immixTechnology, Inc. 8444 Westpark Dr, Suite 200, McLean, VA 22102.
3. Description of the Supplies or Services: VA, Office of Information and Technology, Service Delivery and Engineering (SDE), Enterprise Operations (EO) has a requirement for brand name Information Builders software maintenance and upgrades. This software maintenance will allow SDE, EO to receive software updates and upgrades to include major releases, point releases, service releases, and security releases of applicable software on a quarterly basis, and/or within 48 hours in cases in which a high risk vulnerability fix becomes available. This software maintenance and upgrades are necessary for SDE EO to be able to operate successfully. The software maintenance is required to ensure the software remains operational. The period of performance is for a 12-month base period and two 12-month option periods. The total estimated price of the proposed action is \$475,256.00, inclusive of options.
4. Authority: This acquisition will be conducted under the authority of the Multiple-Award Schedule Program. The specific authority providing for a limited source award is Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B), "Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized."
5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above: VA, SDE EO currently owns and maintains the Information Builders software application which is an integral part of SDE EO's facility management operations by providing the capability of quickly finding records with specific conditions developers needed for tests during a product development cycle. The current EO infrastructure is based on existing Information Builders software and EO requires support compatible with the existing infrastructure protocols and functionality for continued operational availability. Only immixTechnology can provide the necessary software maintenance and upgrades because of the proprietary source code required to develop and implement software updates and upgrades. No other source is capable of providing the required software maintenance that

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meets EO's unique functional requirements. No other software maintenance services are compatible with or interoperable with the existing Information Builders software licenses, proprietary database structures, protocols, and software application programming interfaces. Therefore, only Information Builders brand name software maintenance and upgrades provided by immixTechnology can meet the Government's requirements.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Market research was conducted, details of which are in section 8 of this justification. This effort did not yield any additional sources that can meet the Government's requirements. There is no competition anticipated for this acquisition. Additionally, in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(3), this justification will be posted with the request for quotation to e-Buy.

7. Actions to Increase Competition: The Government will continue to conduct market research to ascertain if there are changes in the marketplace that would enable future actions to be competed.

8. Market Research: The Government's technical experts conducted market research during June 2016 and at present there is no other software maintenance available in the marketplace that meets EO's requirements. Although other vendors such as MicroStrategy and Qlik possess similar capabilities to provide the required maintenance, only ImmixTechnology has access to the proprietary source code required to develop and implement software maintenance updates and upgrades. Without access to the proprietary source code, existing proprietary database structures, protocols, and software application programming interfaces, software maintenance and upgrades cannot be installed, which could result in the data center infrastructure functioning eventually with an outdated and unsupportable software version. Operating with outdated and unsupportable software will result in providing less functionality to the end users utilizing the EO infrastructure. VA networking Subject Matter Experts regularly review industry trade publications and conduct internet research to ascertain if any other brand name software maintenance is available. Based on all of these market research efforts, the Government's technical experts have determined that only the aforementioned Information Builders brand name software maintenance can meet all of EO's needs.

Additional market research was conducted by Government representatives in June 2016 by utilizing the Product Lookup Tool on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement (SEWP) V Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) website which identified immixTechnology as the only authorized reseller. Additionally, Government representatives searched the GSA FSS e-Library and found immixTechnology as the only authorized reseller. In addition, the Vendor Information Pages was

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searched for the required Feith software support maintenance which yielded no results. Furthermore, a Request for Information was posted to the GSA Schedule 70 on 7/12/2016 to determine if any other sources were available. No responses were received. As a result, the Contract Specialist contacted Information Builders directly and it was confirmed that immixTechnology is the only authorized reseller of Information Builders software maintenance and upgrades under this requirement; therefore resulting in affirmation that the software maintenance and upgrades must be procured from immixTechnology via email correspondence.

9. Other Facts: None.