

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL  
FOR EXCEPTION TO FAIR OPPORTUNITY

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  
Office of Acquisition Operations  
Technology Acquisition Center  
260 Industrial Way West  
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

2. This requirement will be accomplished via:

☐ New Purchase Order

☒ Modification No. Contract Number NNG07DA45B, Task Order Number  
VA118-13-F-0004 Modification P00001

☐ Purchase Card

Purchase Order will be:

☒ Firm Fixed Price ☐ Cost Type Contract:

☐ Time and Materials ☐ Other (Specify):

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

☒ IT

3. Description of Supplies or Services.

☒ Services

The proposed action is for a firm-fixed price new work modification to Contract Number NNG07DA45B, Task Order (TO) Number VA118-13-F-0004 with ThunderCat Technology, LLC, 1775 Wiehle Avenue, Suite 101, Reston, Virginia 20190-5109 to expand the scope of the current TO which shall provide a Subject Matter Expert (SME) to shutdown, setup and reconfigure the Autonomy Enterprise Archiving Solution (EAS) due to the closure of the Falling Waters, West Virginia Data Center. The SME will assist with the shutdown and unranking of the network equipment inside the EAS rack at the Falling Waters Data Center and once the equipment is moved to the new Data Center in Martinburg, West Virginia, will assist with the reracking, startup of the equipment,

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changing the new IP address to all servers and network equipment, and reconfiguration the network settings.

Period of Performance: The period of performance for the shutdown, setup, and reconfigure at the Falling Waters, West Virginia and Martinsburg, West Virginia datacenters shall be three (3) days in duration.

#### 4. Authority Cited.

[ ] FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)

[X] Other FAR Authority: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C.3304(a)(1) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 6.302-1 entitled, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements."

#### 5. Reason for Authority Cited

The Enterprise Messaging and Collaboration Services team owns and manages a solution for email archiving called Enterprise Archive Solution (EAS). The EAS consists of brand name Autonomy hardware and software that provides a fast and efficient means of archiving and restoring the vast quantities of emails and files residing on network servers, personal computer hard drives, backup tapes and other mass storage devices located throughout the enterprise via Personal Storage Table files. ThunderCat Technology, LLC was awarded a task order for maintenance of the Autonomy EAS as an authorized reseller on October 1, 2012, via the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) IV Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC). As such, ThunderCat Technology, LLC is currently the Autonomy authorized representative to perform maintenance on the current system; therefore they are the only responsible source authorized by Autonomy to perform any setups, shutdowns or reconfigurations of the EAS for EMCS. The complex nature of the network configuration, coupled with ThunderCat Technology, LLC's current knowledge of the system architecture makes them the only responsible source to perform the shutdown, setup, and reconfiguration of the EAS system. Failure to ensure proper shutdown, setup, or reconfiguration of the system within the specified three day timeframe would result in a loss of archiving and restoration capabilities of emails.

#### 6. Efforts to Obtain Competition.

Market research was conducted, the details are in the market research section of this document. The market research did not yield any potential sources who could meet the Government's requirements. There is not competition anticipated for this acquisition. In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 5.202(a)(11) this proposed action is not required to be synopsisized on the Federal

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Business Opportunities Page. This justification will be made publically available within 14 days after contract award in accordance with FAR 6.305(a).

### 7. Actions to Increase Competition.

The Government will continue to conduct market research to ascertain if there are changes in the market place that would enable future actions to be competed.

### 8. Market Research

Market research was conducted under the original procurement for Autonomy EAS hardware and software maintenance, which was awarded on October 1, 2012 to ThunderCat Technology, LLC. At the time, the Government's technical experts conducted market research by searching the NASA SEWP IV GWAC to ascertain if any other source, other than an authorized reseller could provide the aforementioned hardware and software maintenance support. While other sources could provide similar software support, no other source other than an Autonomy reseller was found that could provide the required hardware and software maintenance support without the required software source code. Given Thundercat Technology, LLC was awarded the maintenance contract and the complex nature of the network configuration, coupled with their current knowledge of the system architecture makes them the only responsible source to perform the shutdown, setup, and reconfiguration of the EMCS EAS system.

### 9. Interested Sources.

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