

JUSTIFICATION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO FAIR OPPORTUNITY**Solicitation No.: N/A****Contract No. R13PC10008, Task Order R16PD00865****Contractor: CH2M Hill, Inc.****Project Name: Potholes Supplemental Feed Route Follow Up Hydraulic Analysis, Columbia Basin Project, Ephrata Field Office, WA**

In accordance with FAR 16.505(b)(2), the proposed contractual action is pursuant to the statutory authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(j)(b)(3).

1. Agency and Contracting Activity.

The Contracting Activity is the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region, Acquisition and Financial Assistance Division. The Requiring Agency is the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Ephrata Field Office.

2. Nature/Description of Action.

Firm-Fixed Price follow-on Task Order for Architect-Engineering Services funded with FY 2016 funds.

3. Description of Supplies/Services.

Reclamation requires hydraulic reports as a follow up to the Environmental Assessment for the Potholes Feed Route Study (PSFRS) that CH2M Hill conducted in 2006 to 2007 under Task Orders 03C910150B and 03D610150B. For this Task Order, R16PD00865, CH2M Hill shall provide hydraulic model(s) to Reclamation that were used to characterize current hydraulic conditions in Crab Creek and Frenchman Hills Wasteway. These models will be updated and recalibrated by Reclamation using new discharge and survey data. Furthermore, CH2M Hill shall participate in the Summit in Ephrata, WA to present CH2M's past work, key findings, and recommendations on a path forward for the PSFRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Task Order is being awarded as a logical follow-on to a competed award pursuant to the exception to Fair Opportunity at FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i)(C).

4. Identification of the exception to fair opportunity and the supporting rationale**a. The following fair opportunity exception applies to this acquisition.**

FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i)(C). The order must be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to an order already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order.

b. Supporting Rationale.

The initial phase of the project (Task Order 03C910150B) was competed among all eligible multiple-award ID/IQ contractors using FAR 36.6 procedures and CH2M Hill was selected for the requirement.

CH2M Hill has supported Reclamation's Columbia Cascades Area Office (CCAO) and Ephrata Field Office (EFO) with delivery of the PSFRS addressing the W20 Lateral, Frenchman Hills Wasteway, Crab Creek, Brook Lake, Weir, Pinto Dam Outlet, and Moses Lake Sediment Study. CH2M Hill has conducted field reconnaissance, supervised geotechnical exploration, developed multiple hydraulic models, prepared numerous designs, provided construction observation support, and participated in landowner outreach. Having another A-E Contractor take over the project would require the new Contractor to re-visit and/or re-perform work completed by CH2M Hill in order to become familiar with the project and would be duplicative in cost to the Government.

5. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.

The Task Order price will be determined fair and reasonable using cost analysis. CH2M Hill's ID/IQ contract includes hourly rates previously determined reasonable so we are only negotiating level of effort, travel costs, and profit. Profit will be negotiated using the WBR Weighted Guidelines for A-E Services as stated in the main contract R13PC10008.

6. Any Other Supporting Facts. None.

7. Actions Taken to Remove Barriers to Competition.

There are no barriers to competition. The Task Order is being awarded to CH2M Hill in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to the original Task Order that was competed, for which the two eligible ID/IQ Contractors were given a fair opportunity to be considered.