

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**Solicitation No.: R15PS00687****Project Name: Local Telephone Service for LC Region**

In accordance with FAR 6.302, the proposed contractual action is pursuant to the statutory authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1)

1. Agency and Contracting Activity.

Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Acquisition and Assistance Management Office

2. Nature/Description of Action.

Establish a firm fixed-price contract with a base year and four option periods for local telephone service. The estimated base year is \$32,000 and the option periods are anticipated to be the same amount each year. The estimated aggregate contract value is \$160,000 (\$32,000 * 5 years).

3. Description of Supplies/Services.

The Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office has an ongoing requirement for miscellaneous standard local phone services. A sample of services is listed below. This list is not exhaustive, and other services may be required as necessary.

- PRI Circuits Services
- ANI Blocks of the 702-293-8000 – 702-293-8599
- Other ANI blocks as needed.
- POTS lines
- PIC services to Verizon Long Distance.
- Already delivered cabling to 1402 Colorado St. Boulder City, NV 89005
- Already delivered cabling to Building 1300, 500 Date Street, Boulder City, NV 89005

Estimated performance period is 09/01/2015 to 08/31/2020 (base year plus four option periods). The estimated year cost is \$32,000.00 and total contract value is \$160,000.00.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition.**

	Authority	FAR Coverage	Application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1)	FAR 6.302-1	Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(2)	FAR 6.302-2	Unusual and compelling urgency
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(3)	FAR 6.302-3	Industrial mobilization; engineering, developmental or research capability; or expert services
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(4)	FAR 6.302-4	International Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5)	FAR 6.302-5	Authorized or required by statute
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(6)	FAR 6.302-6	National Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7)	FAR 6.302-7	Public Interest

5. **Demonstration of Contractor's Unique Qualifications.**

(1) What are the minimum requirements of the Government?

To acquire uninterrupted monthly standard local telephone service for the Lower Colorado Regional Office facilities.

(2) Identify the proposed sole source contractor and discuss the unique capabilities, experience, expertise, etc. that the contractor has that makes the firm the **only one capable** of performing the required work.

Sole Source Contractor: Central Telephone Company DBA CenturyLink

The Lower Colorado Regional Office requires local phone service for day to day and emergency operations. While this is not particularly special service, the location of the Regional Office and the connection via fiber optic and microwave network to the facility limits the ready availability of what service providers are able to provide to the public switched telephone network. CenturyLink owns the cable that currently connects into the Regional facilities and Hoover Dam. Other vendors would require construction, and easements and pulling cables into the campus at two separate locations, which would create an unacceptable amount of risk in obtaining /continuing a vital service.

6. **Description of efforts made to maximize competition.**

As described in paragraph 8 below, market research was conducted. Market research revealed there no other vendors can provide local telephone services in the Boulder City,

NV. As required by FAR Subpart 5.2 - Synopses, an Intent to Sole Source announcement was posted on July 10, 2015 and no challenges or inquiries were received.

7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.

The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded prior contracts of similar scope and complexity and found the costs of this contract to be fair and reasonable. An open market research quote was provided for \$2,662.13/month, which is \$1,391.61/month higher than the previous GSA pricing of \$1,270.52/month. The Business Lines quotes are tariff rates, and the DSL and PRIs are being offered at discounted rates. Therefore, since the main services required are not offered on CenturyLink's GSA contract, the higher costs for open market prices are hereby determined to be fair and reasonable.

8. Description of Market Research Conducted.

Market research was performed via the World Wide Web, GSA, and by conducting a site survey. The site survey revealed that CenturyLink remains the only vendor with current services to Boulder City and the Regional Office and owner of the cable that currently connects into the Lower Colorado Regional facilities. Other vendors would require construction, and easements and pulling cables into the campus at 2 separate locations which would create an unacceptable amount of risk in obtaining /continuing a vital service

9. Any Other Supporting Facts.

N/A

10. Listing of Interested Sources.

Cox Business Communication

11. Actions Taken to Remove Barriers to Competition.

Market research was conducted prior to completing this justification to ensure that no other vendors were available, but market research revealed that CenturyLink is still the only vendor in the area that can provide local telephone service to the Lower Colorado Regional Office.