

JUSTIFICATION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO FAIR OPPORTUNITY**Solicitation No.: N/A****Contract No. R13PC10006, Task Order R16PD00729****Contractor: HDR Engineering, Inc.****Project Name: Facilitation of Meetings for the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) Workgroup, Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, Yakima, 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(c).

1. Agency and Contracting Activity.

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Contracts Group.

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.

Facilitation of meetings between the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Workgroup and all subcommittees in the development of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance Projects, Yakima, WA. The Task Order value is [REDACTED] and the performance period is August 2016 through March 2017. 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 was competed among all eligible multiple-award ID/IQ contractors using FAR 36.6 procedures and HDR was selected for the requirement.

The Contractor, (HDR) has participated in all prior facilitation meetings between all stakeholders in the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) workgroup. The overall objective of the YRBWEP workgroup is to review studies and information to formulate a comprehensive and integrated set of solutions for the basin's water resource problems and ecosystem restoration needs which will be included in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and incorporated into the Integrated Plan. HDR is the Contractor most familiar with the project because of HDR's involvement with the EIS since 2013 and having released to the public for comments, the Draft EIS in January 2015 with a no-action alternative and four action alternatives. Public comments have been collected and are currently in review by Reclamation, which will have to be incorporated for the Final EIS. Having another A-E Contractor take over the project would require the new Contractor to re-visit and/or re-perform work completed by HDR in order to become familiar with the project.

This is the first time this exception to Fair Opportunity has been used for this requirement.

5. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.

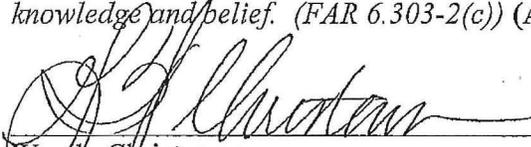
The Task Order price will be determined fair and reasonable using cost analysis. HDR's ID/IQ contract includes hourly rates previously determined reasonable so we are only negotiating level of effort, travel costs, and profit. Profit will be negotiated using the WBR Weighted Guidelines for A-E Services as stated in the main contract R13PC10006.

6. Any Other Supporting Facts. None.

7. Actions Taken to Remove Barriers to Competition.

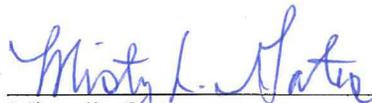
There are no barriers to competition. The Task Order is being awarded to HDR in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to a competed Task Order for which the two eligible ID/IQ Contractors were given a fair opportunity to be considered.

REQUESTING OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION: *All supporting data provided and the contents of this justification are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. (FAR 6.303-2(c)) (All Values)*


Wendy Christensen

7/14/16
Date

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