

**JUSTIFICATION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO FAIR OPPORTUNITY****Solicitation No.: N/A****Contract No. R13PC10044, Task Order R16PD00696****Contractor: Cardno, Inc. (Cardno)****Project Name: Preliminary (30%) Engineering, Design, and Environmental Compliance Support Bird Track Springs Fish Habitat Enhancement Project, Grande Ronde Sub-basin, Oregon, Columbia Snake River Salmon Recovery Program**

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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.

**3. Description of Supplies/Services.**

Engineering and permitting services for an anadromous fish habitat improvement project in the Grande Ronde River Subbasin in Oregon. The Task Order value is \$394,168 and the performance period is July 2016 through October 31, 2106. 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 Cardno was selected for the requirement. Cardno is the Engineer-of-Record for the project and has produced all previous phases of the designs and assisted Reclamation in planning the project with local stakeholders. As the Engineer-of-Record, Cardno is the Contractor most familiar with the project having

completed the initial phases of the work under competed Task Order R15PD00842 under Cardno's ID/IQ contract referenced above. Having another A-E Contractor take over the project would require the new contractor to re-visit and/or re-perform work completed by Cardno to both become familiar with the project and to protect themselves from liability.

This is the first time this exception to Fair Opportunity has been used for the Bird Track Springs Project.

**5. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.**

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

**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 Cardno in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to a competed Task Order for which all four eligible ID/IQ Contractors were given a fair opportunity to be considered.