

**Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition - REDACTED**  
**Bureau of Reclamation**  
**FAR 13.5, Simplified Acquisitions - Test Program for Certain Commercial Items**

**Requisition 11201500024**

**1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity.**

Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region (Reclamation), Applied Science Branch, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898.

**2. The nature and/or description of the action being approved.**

Reclamation proposes to enter into a fixed price, sole source contract to purchase acoustic tags for use with Hydroacoustic Technology, Incorporated (HTI) tracking systems.

**3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs.**

1,500 each Model 795LD Micro Acoustic Tags and 180 each Model 795LD DUMMY Micro Acoustic Tags for use with HTI Model 290/291/295 Acoustic Tag Tracking Systems.

**4. The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.**

FAR 13.501(a)(1)(ii) acquisition under the authority of the test program.

**5. A statement demonstrating the unique qualifications of the proposed contractor or the nature of the action requiring the use of the authority.**

Reclamation must use acoustic tags and tag tracking technology that can record the movement of individual fish in three dimensions. The contractor is the sole vendor for this class of acoustic tagging technology to ensure consistency with past tagging efforts.

**6. A description of efforts to ensure that offers were solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable.**

Market research was completed to ensure that the proposed contractor is the only source available to acquire the necessary and specific hydroacoustic tags required to meet the needs of the Government.

**7. The anticipated dollar value of the proposed acquisition including all options, if applicable and a determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.**

The anticipated dollar value of the proposed acquisition is \$394,050.

**8. A description of the Market Research (MR) conducted and the results or a statement of the reason MR was not conducted.**

Market research was conducted to ensure this contractor is the only source of this equipment.

**9. Other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition, such as:**

The recommended source is the only source capable of supplying the acoustic tags because the contractor holds the patent for the manufactures.

**10. A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed a written interest in the acquisition.**

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**11. A statement of actions the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition if subsequent acquisitions are anticipated.**

Reclamation will re-evaluate the need for tracking capability after the completion of this transitional year of steelhead/salmon survival studies.