Special Notice N00014-16-R-SS40

Description: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) intends to issue a firm fixed price award to a single source under the authority of FAR 6.302-1(a)(2)(iii), Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services will Satisfy Agency Requirements, on or about 23 June, 2016 to Sitecore USA, Inc. The period of performance will be a twelve (12) month base and three (3) option periods of twelve (12) months each.

The prospective contractor is currently providing a Sitecore license agreement that permits use of Sitecore Software on a total of four (4) Server(s) under Contract Number N00014-12-M-0401. The license allows up to ten (10) concurrent users. In addition, the following Sitecore software that is licensed includes Sitecore StatCenter, Sitecore SharePoint Connector, and Sitecore Newsletter. Sitecore Content Management Software (CMS) annual Maintenance agreement provides the Licensee with the access to upgrades and Bronze level technical support for the purchased Sitecore software. The support provided gives Sitecore Certified Developers access to the Sitecore online support portal.

A single source award is anticipated to Sitecore USA, Inc. because they offer an Annual Bronze Maintenance level service that also includes access to software upgrades, technical support, and the Sitecore online support portal. Since the cost of this service incorporates the license fees and software upgrades for proprietary Sitecore products, it creates a limited source of available contenders. While Sitecore has several partners, most of those focus on consulting/technical services rather than license fees and maintenance. The Annual Bronze Maintenance level provides the government with an economical inclusive package of services and the product has been deemed a vital part of the success of ONR’s Public Facing Website for over five (5) years. In addition, the current ONR website contractor personnel have been trained to use this product and the standard operating procedures currently in place are tailored to this product. Therefore, it is considered more cost-effective for the government to renew the licenses for the current Sitecore product.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is 511210 with the size standard of $38.5 million. This notice of intent is not a request for proposals or quotes; however, all responsible sources may submit a quotation and technical capabilities, which, if received within fifteen (15) calendar days of publication of this notice, shall be considered by ONR. All responses must be submitted to the Government point of contact at the email address shown below. A determination by the Government not to open the requirement to competition based upon the responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government.

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