

Presolicitation Notice: N00014-18-R-SS08

Description: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) intends to issue a Cost Reimbursement 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 09 MAR 2018 to the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University for the editorship of the U.S. Navy Journal of Underwater Acoustics. The period of performance will for a base period of twelve months (12) with four (4) options of twelve (12) months each.

The U.S. Navy Journal of Underwater Acoustics is a journal that has been continuously published since 1954. It presents peer-reviewed articles that are classified and cannot be published in the open scientific literature. It offers an alternative forum for scientists and engineers to disseminate high quality, classified work to a wide audience of their peers. The topics presented in the journal include advancements in torpedo designs, mine warfare, underwater sensor design, signal processing, underwater sound control, propeller system design, underwater sound propagation, underwater noise studies, and others. Four journals are published each year.

Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University (ARL/PSU) shall receive manuscripts, send them out for review, edit final manuscripts, build an issue and disseminate the issue. Each issue contains ten articles roughly 20 pages long. Special issues may publish more than ten articles. The prospective contractor will publish four issues per year, and distribute 200 CD's per issue. The prospective contractor will proactively seek to increase the number of subscribers. The editor shall plan issue contents, seek guest editors for special issues, and send out manuscripts for peer review by subject matter experts.

ARL/PSU has the ability to create, store and disseminate classified information, which is a non-negotiable requirement. All three persons that currently work on the journal have security clearances, and they work in cleared spaces. The current contractor employs security-cleared subject matter experts in all of the technologies reported in the journal. The editor can reach out to them seeking paper reviewers and Special Issue Guest Editors. Currently, the editor and her staff have immediate access to individuals who can answer technical-level questions about submitted manuscripts, and security related matters. The contractor has the necessary staff, infrastructure, and processes in place. ARL/PSU is uniquely qualified to address the Navy's requirement.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is 511120 with the size standard of 1,000. 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 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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