

Pre-solicitation Notice: N00014-18-R-SS10

Description: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE

The Office of Naval Research (ONR) intends to issue a Cost Reimbursement contract 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 30 September 2018 to Kentco Corporation DBA ProteQ, Herndon, VA. The period of performance will be for a base period of twelve (12) months with four (4) option periods of twelve (12) months each.

The scope of work requires executing the logistics of transferring and shipping ITAR and non-ITAR prototype equipment to all regions of the world and establishing operations in these CONUS and OCONUS sites. With these non-standard logistics movement, this support needs to have the expertise to provide international shipping as well as shipping both sensitive and hazardous cargo. The support needs to have the proper certifications and qualifications to handle these types of shipments. In addition, the contractor shall support field operations with key personnel to plan, coordinate and execute demonstrations/ exercises that may require intensive fleet coordination for events that may involve at-sea engineering and system integration demonstrations, near coastal events and combination of land-air-and sea events. The use and application of the software system Topside to support test plans and event execution is required. Expertise with UUV systems, water space management, and specialized Naval Special Warfare equipment is required.

ONR intends to award this requirement as a sole source contract to Kentco Corporation DBA ProteQ. ProteQ has provided logistics support for these programs for 10 years. ProteQ has provided the material support, shipping, and handling and event execution documentation that meets the requirements for use on government installations. There is significant time and cost to qualify for approval and certification and this requires continuity of testing, application, and documentation. ProteQ possesses an in-depth understanding of the process (testing and data bases) that are required for participation in Naval events for complex unmanned systems for Mine Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare, and new prototype unmanned systems over this period of time. Certifications and training of key personnel enable the performance of material handling, maintaining, and managing large distributed systems with classified, hazardous and ITAR components and at appropriate levels of information assurance. Experience with integration to submarine, surface, and Naval Special Warfare equipment has enabled cost-effective completion of events (CONUS and OCONUS) and the maintenance of appropriate paperwork is a significant government investment. The projects supported by the contractor are long-term (5-7 year) evolutions requiring continuity of experimentation plans, approvals, and logistics arrangements. ProteQ possesses an in-depth understanding of the security requirements, shipping restrictions, information assurance requirements, hazards, and constraints (ITAR) and possesses a set of logistics support contracts for the international programs presently underway. ONR will save time and money and will have the required continuity of process required for the proper execution of upcoming field events.

RFI Number N00014-18-RFI-0004 was posted to FedBizOpps on 23 March 2018 and it closed for responses on 23 April 2018. The only response was received from the intended awardee.

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is Title 10 U.S.C. 2304(c) (1), Only one responsible source, as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.302-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this requirement is 541330 with the size standard of \$15M. 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.

Contracting Office Address:

Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research (ONR), ONR Code 252, 875 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22203-1995.

Government Point of Contact: Sean Palmer, Contracting Officer, Email: [sean.m.palmer@navy.mil](mailto:sean.m.palmer@navy.mil), Telephone: (703) 696-0942.