

Memorandum for Record – Limiting Competition at or below the Simplified Acquisition Threshold

1. Contracting Activity: RCO Wiesbaden, CMR 410, Box 741, APO, AE 09049-0741

2. Description of Action: 2nd Theater Signal Brigade AutoCAD License Renewal

Nature: Follow-on Requirement

Contract Vehicle: Order # TBD against Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Number: N66001-19-A-0051

Pricing/Contract Type: Fixed Price

Funds: Operations & Maintenance, Army (OMA) FY: 21

Name of Proposed Contractor(s) and Address:

DLT Solutions, LLC
2411 Dulles Corner Park ; Suite 800
Herndon, VA 20171

Brand Name Buy: Yes No

3. Description of Services or Supplies: 2d Theater Signal Brigade seeks to purchase nine (9) AutoCAD License Renewals. AutoCAD is a Computer Assisted Drawing (CAD) Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) Software Solution used by 2d Theater Signal Brigade Engineers and Workers around the European area to plan, document and execute cabling work orders. The current Archival data includes Network wiring diagrams, power, water, infrastructure and construction plan information for all facilities in Europe.

Period of License Validity: 15 Sep 2021 to 14 Sep 2022

Total Value: XXXXXXXXXX

4. Authority: FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B) and 8.405-6(b)(1)Brand Name

5. Reasons for Authority Cited: This software is essential to the Government's requirements because it is well-established as the standard for all cabling, planning, and execution throughout USAREUR-AF since before 2001. These functions are essential to the Government's ability to easily and clearly illustrate the layout of its existing facilities and information network infrastructure. These plans are used to document and execute cabling work orders which allow for ongoing information network operations, successfully enabling mission command in support of U.S. Army, Joint and multinational operations throughout the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of operation.

Furthermore, CAD software from other offerors cannot meet or cannot easily be modified to meet the Government's need. The Government evaluated CAD software from Bentley Systems Incorporated called Microstation CAD, and Microsoft Visio as an alternative to Autodesk's AutoCAD as those competitors provide the most similar feature set. This situation is not feasible, however, since the software formats between the different platforms are not 100% compatible. Migrating files from AutoCAD to Microsoft's Visio and Bentley's Microstation, is technically possible, but during validation testing the Government found that all measurements were either off by a noticeable margin, or parts of the drawing were missing/incomplete. The drawings/plans being accurate is crucial to our workforce because they rely on them to avoid damaging infrastructural systems like water pipes, electricity or communication cabling. As other DoD organizations have established AutoCAD as their standard, exchanging plans with those organizations will be impossible if AutoCAD is not used. As such, changing from AutoCAD to Microstation or Microsoft Visio will result in Government personnel having to re-draw, manually translate and validate approximately 24,000 digital drawings/cabling plans from inside buildings and outside areas of all facilities in Europe. This situation would result in 16 engineering man-hours per drawing/plan; resulting in a total of approximately 384,000 engineering man-hours. Considering the total estimate of 384,000 engineering man-hours for migration, and re-training engineers for using either Visio or Microstation, it is not feasible or acceptable to change the current tooling for our engineers at this point in time.

6. Publicizing Contract Actions:

Requirement to post justification in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(3):

- Action is a brand name restriction, under \$25K, no posting required

7. Market Research: The 2nd TSB S6 has queried CHES for AutoCAD as this is the mandatory primary source for Software procurement, and investigated for other similar Software solutions. Epoch Concepts as well as DH Technologies, LLC responded to the Government CHES RFQ but DLT Solutions has offered the best pricing under the DoD ESI BPA.

8. Other Facts: AutoCAD Licenses have been procured previously under order DoD ESI BPA N66001-19-A-0051, order W912CM20F0084 awarded 09/25/2020 for FY20 as well as through purchases made using the Government Purchase Card (GPC) from FY16 to FY19 for 2nd Theater Signal Brigade and previously 5th Signal Command. The Previous acquisitions of AutoCAD licenses have all been through the DoD ESI BPA for Autodesk (ADSK ESI BPA) since it was not available on CHES. None of the previous procurement actions have had competition due the fact that DLT Solutions has been the only authorized reseller of Autodesk Products under the DoD ESI BPA.

9. Technical/Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which are included in the justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Typed Name: [REDACTED]

Date: 30 August 2021

Email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Signature: [REDACTED]

10. Contracting Officer Certification/Approval:

I hereby determine that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable based upon price analysis.

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that completing this purchase as a sole source is in the best interest of the Government. Additionally, I approve this justification to limit competition subject to the availability of funds and provided that the services or supplies herein described have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

Typed Name: Devin Hollenbaugh

Date: 30 August 2021

Title: Contracting Officer

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