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Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Sole Source Justification

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of 41 U.S.C. 152(3) and General Services Administration Manual/Regulation (GSAM/R) 538.7104-3(b)(1)(ii), "Only one source is capable of providing the products, services, or solution required at the level of quality required because the products, services, or solutions are unique or highly specialized."

1. Contracting Activity

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2. Description of Action Being Approved

The SEC intends to issue a sole source, Firm-Fixed-Price (FFP) task order to Value Added Reseller (VAR) Carahsoft Technology Corporation, under FSS Contract 47QSWA18D008F, for Acquia Cloud Platform licenses and web hosting services in support of the agency's Drupal platform and applications. This requirement will serve as the follow-on to Task Order 50310221F0088, previously issued under Carahsoft's FSS Contract GS35F0119Y. The new task order will commence on July 1, 2026, and will consist of a one (1) year base and four (4) one-year options.

3. Description of the Supplies/Services and Estimated Value

The SEC requires continued web hosting services in support of its Drupal platform and applications, to include the following internal and external public facing websites: the SEC's intranet (The Exchange); the SEC's public website (www.sec.gov); the SEC's investor website (www.investor.gov); and the SEC's technology and data catalog.

The Contractor must provide a secure, cloud-based Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) hosting solution that is fully managed and optimized for Drupal. The hosting solution must offer at least 99.9% availability, comply with Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Moderate requirements, and scale to support additional websites as needed.

The hosting solution must also support three (3) distinct environments – Development, Testing, and Production – and include cloud platform components and services, such as cloud Integrated Development Environment (IDE), cloud continuous delivery tools, and Technical Account Manager (TAM) support. TAM support includes release planning and deployment assistance, and review of Drupal modules and custom code.

The total estimated value of the new task order is [redacted], as shown in the table below. The base year will be funded with Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations.

Performance Period	Value
Base Year	[redacted]
Option Year 1	[redacted]
Option Year 2	[redacted]
Option Year 3	[redacted]
Option Year 4	[redacted]
Total	[redacted]

4. Authority and Supporting Rationale

GSAM/R 538.7104-3(b)(1)(ii) permits an agency to limit competition when only one (1) source is determined capable of providing the services required, at the level of quality required, because the services are unique or highly specialized.

Acquia is uniquely positioned as the sole source, brand name provider because its cloud platform is purpose built for Drupal, offering native integration, FedRAMP authorized security, and a specialized suite of development and deployment tools that cannot be replicated by other vendors. Acquia's unique toolset includes capabilities such as the Cloud IDE, which provides a standardized, Drupal-optimized development workspace; Acquia Pipelines and Cloud Continuous Delivery (CD), which automate secure, repeatable deployments; and Application Performance Monitoring (APM) tools designed specifically for Drupal workloads. Additional features, such as Acquia Site Factory for centralized multi-site management and Acquia Search for Drupal native indexing and retrieval, further distinguish Acquia from other hosting providers. These integrated tools – combined with TAM support, Drupal specific code reviews, and platform governance services – enable Acquia to provide secure, compliant, and highly reliable hosting aligned with the SEC's existing architecture without requiring re-engineering or additional risk. No alternative provider can deliver the same level of Drupal-native functionality, operational continuity, or compliance assurance. For these reasons, only Acquia can fully satisfy the SEC's technical and operational requirements for enterprise-grade Drupal hosting and support.

Although brand name Acquia products and services may be competed among resellers, Carahsoft is the sole reseller offering Acquia solutions under the General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program. As discussed below, the GSA MAS was selected over other Government-Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) due to its advantageous pricing, despite the absence of competition.

5. Fair and Reasonable Price

In accordance with GSAM/R 538.7102-2(d)(2), ordering activities are not required to make a fair and reasonable price determination for FSS products, services, or solutions at the order level, as FSS contract pricing has been determined fair and reasonable.

6. Market Research

The SEC conducted market research through online reviews of potential vendor websites; government sources such as System for Award Management (SAM), GSA e-Buy Open, the National

Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Solutions for Enterprise-Wide Procurement (SEWP) V, and the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) Marketplace; direct outreach to industry via e-mails and discussions; and the issuance of a Request for Information (RFI) on NASA SEWP V.

The RFI was issued on February 17, 2026, to all 154 NASA SEWP prime contract holders under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 541519, *Other Computer Related Services*. It requested confirmation that the Acquia brand-name products and services listed in the RFI were offered under each contract holder's SEWP contract; confirmation of the authorized reseller status for Acquia; identification of any alternative hosting solutions meeting the salient characteristics; and a market research quote. Four (4) responses were received by the March 2, 2026 deadline. All respondents affirmed the availability of the brand-name products and their authorized reseller status; however, no alternative hosting solutions were proposed.

A comparison of the market research quotes submitted by the SEWP respondents and the quote provided by the incumbent, Carahsoft, showed that the incumbent offered the most advantageous pricing.

As the current Category Management Buying Guide for Information Technology (IT) does not designate any Tier 4 (Required Use) contracts – and both GSA MAS IT and NASA SEWP are categorized as Tier 3 (Best-in-Class) – the SEC is selecting GSA MAS IT based on its more favorable pricing and the agency's anticipated future budgetary constraints.

No additional GSA RFI was issued. As confirmed by the agency's Acquia TAM, Carahsoft is the sole reseller of Acquia solutions on GSA. Carahsoft serves as Acquia's master GSA schedule holder and aggregator for U.S. Federal Government sales.

7. Other Supporting Facts

None.

8. Actions to Remove Barriers to Future Competition

Current market research indicates that barriers to competition remain, as no other vendors have demonstrated the capability to meet the SEC's security, scalability, and operational continuity requirements. At this time, alternative hosting solutions either lack essential enterprise-grade Drupal support features or cannot comply with the SEC's mission-critical security and performance standards. The SEC will continue its market research efforts to identify potential alternative hosting solutions.

TECHNICAL & REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations that form the basis for this justification are complete and accurate.

[redacted]

Program Office Representative

CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[redacted]

Contracting Officer

GENERAL COUNSEL REVIEW

Based upon the facts and rationale presented herein, this justification appears legally sufficient.

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Office of the General Counsel

COMPETITION ADVOCATE

Approved.

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Competition Advocate