SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION
(UNDER SAT)

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS
Acquisitions Operations

Pursuant to FAR subpart 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) and (ii), for purchases not exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT), Contracting Officers may solicit from only one source if the circumstances deem only one source is reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand name, or industrial mobilization).

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1. Description of Need

The Creston National Fish Hatchery located in Kalispell, MT, has an urgent need for water supply line repairs. After recent construction work drilling a replacement well for well #2 A leak in the water supply line that supplies water to the hatchery building has begun to leak. The hatchery building contains twenty-three 550-gallon tanks used for hatching and rearing of nearly 500,000 Westslope Cutthroat Trout. This leak poses a threat to the road to the hatchery, the hatchery building, aeration water tower, and all associated valves and equipment. With the construction of the new well we have already been using a contingency plan for rearing Cutthroat, which is not optimal. We have seen a 20% increase in mortality due to this different rearing environment/location. Now with this leaking pipeline we will have to use a contingency plan for the contingency plan as we will have to stock the existing cutthroat to make room for cutthroat eggs we will be receiving Mid-May. Stocking of these fish is mostly done in June. The 2nd. Contingency plan uses spring water vs well water, which we will expect to see an even higher increase in mortality. The sooner we can get this pipeline repaired the sooner we can move the cutthroat back to the hatchery building and partially alleviate some of these health/mortality issues. This water supply pipeline also supplies water to our geothermal heat pump to provide heating and cooling to the hatchery building. The hatchery offices are located on the second floor of the hatchery building. It will become unbearably hot upstairs in the heat of the summer without the geo-thermal heat pump working.

2. Market Research Conducted

There are approximately 22 SBs located in the Kailspell, MT that are registered under Plumbing and Sewer Line related activities. Mountain Trades was contacted first due to the location and familiarity of the refuge to complete the repairs. Had they not responded or been able to complete the work another contractor would have been contacted as well for a quote.

3. Other Capable Sources

There are capable sources, but it is unknown if they would have been able to respond to begin repairs on this in a timely manner. A normally advertised solicitation may have produced other capable sources outside of the MT area, but this would be cost and time prohibitive to complete this quickly enough to reduce further damage to the hatcheries systems and inventory.

4. Barriers to Competition

Due to the location of the hatchery and urgent need of the repairs, this is a one time sole source order for the magnitude of the project. If there was not a loss in inventory and no time constraints there would be reasonable competition had this been advertised. There are no known barriers to competition other than time for this project.

5. Contractor's Qualifications

Mountain Trades Contracting has performed other work at the Hatchery and is registered under the NAICS code for these repairs in SAM.gov. They are deemed qualified and competent to complete the repairs.

6. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost

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7. Recommendation and Certification by Program Office

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