***Synopsis – Notice to Sole Source***:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE GLOBUS PLATFORM SOFTWARE, CONFIGURATION, TRAINING, SERVICE, AND DOCUMENTATION SUPPORT

This Notice is issued in accordance with Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul (RFO) Part 5.101, *Presolicitation Notice*. The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement/Bureau of Ocean Energy Management/Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (BSEE/BOEM/OSMRE) Programs, Acquisition Operations Branch (AOB), is the contracting office for this procurement. The purpose of this Notice is to announce the government's intent to issue a sole source contract under the authority of RFO Part 12 to The University of Chicago, 455 N Cityfront Plaza Dr Ste 950, Chicago, IL 60611-5595, in accordance with RFO Part 6.103-1, *Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements*.

BOEM has determined that the Globus Platform, a non-profit service managed by the University of Chicago, is the only high-performance managed data transfer solution that:

- Is the only commercially available service utilizing the Globus GridFTP derived technology stack capable of multi Gbps reliable file movement with automated fault recovery;
- Provides exclusive managed endpoints and connectors necessary for secure cross institutional transfers between DOI bureaus, federal High Performance Computing systems, and partner research institutions;
- Holds a unique trust fabric and federated identity model integrated with academic and federal identity providers;
- Is required to integrate with existing research datasets and scientific workflows dependent on Globus endpoints at partner institutions; and
- Cannot be substituted with standard protocols due to:
    - Lack of automated fault recovery at scale
    - Inability to handle multi-Terabyte transfers over high latency networks
    - Lack of compatibility with established Globus based data exchanges

The anticipated period of performance is 12 months from date of award.

**PLEASE NOTE**: This notice is not a request for quote (RFQ). However, any firm that believes itself capable of meeting the requirement described herein may submit a capability statement or quotation which may be considered if received by the agency by **5:00pm Eastern Time on 14 July 2026**. All submissions in response to this notice must be submitted in writing via email to the Contracting Officer at david_villani@ios.doi.gov referencing 140M0126Q0037, on the subject line. A determination by the Government not to compete the Government's requirements described in this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government.