JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE
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The supplies or services described herein are being solicited on a *sole source* basis and competition is precluded in accordance with *FAR 12.102(a)* for reasons indicated below. There are no substitutes available for the supplies or services.

Restricted to the following source.

☐ **Service:**

Contractor:	
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☒ **Supply:**

Original Manufacturer Name:	*Elsevier Inc. – Elsevier B.V.*
Cage Code:	*43DS5*
☐ Check here if obtaining product through authorized resellers of the manufacturer.	

Description of the supplies or services required, the estimated price/cost, and required delivery date or period of performance.

The U.S. Naval War College (USNWC) requires the renewal for Elsevier ScienceDirect Social and Behavioral Sciences Collection e-journal subscription for a Base Year and four (4) year option periods with a period of performance from 01 September 2026 to 31 August 2031.

Base Year, POP: 01 September 2026 to 31 August 2027, [redacted]
Option 1 Year, POP: 01 September 2027 to 31 August 2028, [redacted]
Option 2 Year, POP: 01 September 2028 to 31 August 2029, [redacted]
Option 3 Year, POP: 01 September 2029 to 31 August 2030, [redacted]
Option 4 Year, POP:01 September 2030 to 31 August 2031, [redacted]

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In conclusion, the requested supplies or services represent the minimum requirements of the government.

Describe in detail why only this source(s) can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.
The U.S. Naval War College (USNWC) requires the renewal for Elsevier ScienceDirect Social and Behavioral Sciences Collection e-journal subscription for a Base Year and four (4) year option periods with a period of performance from 01 September 2027 to 31 August 2031. This renewal is required to maintain uninterrupted, authenticated access to the specialized Elsevier ScienceDirect Social and Behavioral Sciences Collection.

This domain-authenticated, CAC authenticated, EZProxy authenticated, and/or IP authenticated, cloud based online resource is specifically configured to work with the Naval War College's electronic library management systems. These include the Alma LSP, Primo discovery system, and Springshare library software.

The requested ScienceDirect database is a standard commercial academic subscription that is delivered electronically through standard commercial protocols, using IP-based authentication and EZProxy. Access route configured at ScienceDirect Login. It integrates seamlessly into USNWC library's existing commercial enterprise catalog platform (Alma Library Services Platform) via automated ExLibris/OCLC API feeds.

Elsevier Inc. (CAGE 43DS5) is a large business and the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) holding sole proprietary copyrights to the requested journals and research compilations within ScienceDirect Social Behavioral Science Collection. Elsevier Inc is the only known source capable of providing this specific peer-reviewed database that is compatible with existing Navy electronic library management systems. To date there are no suitable substitute(s) or sources that can satisfy this Government need.

☒ The supplies or services must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

This cloud-based resource is configured to interface directly with USNWC's electronic library systems, specifically Alma LSP, Primo discovery system and Springshare library software. The NWC Library has subscribed to this collection for several years, making it a critical asset that students and faculty rely on, while librarians have invested significant expertise in configuring only access for both on-campus and off-campus patrons.

The requested Elsevier ScienceDirect Social and Behavioral Sciences Collection e-journal subscription must remain fully compatible and interface with UNSWC's existing electronic library management system. Elsevier does not have any authorized resellers or subsidiaries capable of providing the requested software. There are no other known systems available on the open market that meet the needs of the government.

☒ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition.

Elsevier Inc. owns and maintains all proprietary copyrights to the journals and research compilations within ScienceDirect Social-Behavioral Science Collection. A representative of the OEM confirmed that the company does not have any authorized subsidiaries, partnerships or distributors for the requested e-journal subscription software.

☒ These are "direct replacement" parts/components for existing equipment.

Other information to support a sole source action:

TECHNICAL/REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION:

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCESSING OF THIS SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION PRECLUDES THE USE OF FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.

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Requiring Activity

I HEREBY DETERMINE THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING ONLY ONE SOURCE IS REASONABLY AVAILABLE APPLIES TO THE CONTRACT ACTION.

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