

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE

The service or material listed is sole source and competition is precluded for reasons indicated below:

Restricted to the following source. Provide *original manufacturer's* name. (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information.)

Vendor: Old Dominion University, Virginia Modeling, Analysis, & Simulation Center

Vendor POC & phone: Sheila A. Flanagan, 757-686-6208

Vendor address: 1030 University Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

X Description of the item or service required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date.

This justification pertains to the sole source procurement of professional services from The Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center (VMASC) of Old Dominion University (ODU) in support of The Center for Complex Operations (CCO) of the National Defense University (NDU) for the development, piloting, and dissemination of a courseware suite of instructional modules for use by Professional Military Education (PME) institutions for the enhancement of joint force readiness & agility concerning adaptive learning and decision-making leading to an increased likelihood of success in a battle space involving trans-regional illicit networks. Required support is for twelve months of services commencing 1 September 2016 or the effective date of a resultant purchase order, whichever is later.

X Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

Required technical support necessitates subject matter expertise concerning relevant social science research specific to the emergent roles and impacts of illicit actors, structures, and networks across a volatile global environment. ODU VMASC has been performing such support of NDU CCO research on the meta problem of illicit networks and illicit power, analyzing & synthesizing the multiple dimensions of the impact of the problem as it relates to joint force decision-making and response to global security and conflict in the Twenty-first Century. In providing this support, ODU VMASC has coalesced an extensive network of global thinkers, researchers, policy makers & implementers, amassing a large body of research which became codified in three NDU publications: "Convergence: Illicit Networks in the Age of Globalization," "Impunity: Confronting Illicit Power in War and Transition," and "Beyond Convergence: World without Order." The instant requirement is the logical progression of the foundational effort performed by ODU VMASC, as it will develop, pilot, and disseminate the results of this research through a courseware suite of instructional modules for incorporation into the core curriculum of PME institutions.

X The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

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The material/service 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.

The instant requirement is a logical follow-on to services previously performed by ODU VMASC for NDU CCO under Task Order 0068 of Contract N00189-08-D-Z052. In the performance of that effort, ODU VMASC identified relevant issues, conducted in-depth analysis, and subsequently developed & mapped the potential pathways for effectively applying the insights achieved from that research to Defense policy, planning, and education. As a result, ODU VMASC accomplished the partial development of instructional material concerning trans-regional illicit networks for incorporation into Military social science curricula. This follow-on effort will require ODU VMASC to both synthesize and nuance its foundational research for the development, piloting, and dissemination of a courseware suite of instructional modules for seamless integration into the curriculum of multiple PME institutions.

___ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is ___

___ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

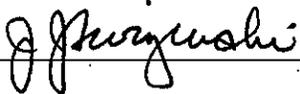
Other information to support a sole source buy:

An informal survey of the availability of sources of topical, cutting-edge social science research for global, culturally-specific military application resulted in the conclusion by NDU CCO that ODU VMASC is the only source of subject matter expertise with the breadth and depth of relevant knowledge & experience to successfully perform the instant requirement.

I CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS CHECKED AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT 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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