

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

Upon the basis of the following justification, I as Contracting Officer hereby approve use of the other than Full and Open competition for the proposed contractual action pursuant to the authority of 10 USC 2304(c)(1), only one responsible source and no other supplier or servicing activity will satisfy agency requirements, as implemented by FAR 6.302-1.

1. Contracting Activity

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2. Description of the Action Being Approved

This justification covers the procurement of "Box" from the Internet2 Net+ initiative's approved list of services. This justification for other than full and open competition will be posted at the Government wide Point of Entry.

3. Description of Supplies/Services

[REDACTED]

This is the second year of Box file services. Discontinuation would be too disruptive to the NPS user community.

This service enables users to securely share, store and collaborate on content with anyone from any device, while providing for all the needs of higher education institutions, including campus single sign on log-in and integration with campus provisioning and security requirements. The service also supports Internet2's InCommon-based authentication and offers an easy-to-use administrative interface for reporting and managing content on Box.

NPS offers unlimited personal file storage to all students, faculty and staff with the understanding that no controlled unclassified information including Privacy Act information, FOUO, or export controlled information will be stored in Box. ITACS will monitor and enforce this requirement until such time this type of information can be stored within the Box environment.

[REDACTED]

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Sole Source [REDACTED]

FAR 6.302 -- Circumstances Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition.

- 6.302-3 -- Industrial Mobilization; Engineering, Developmental, or Research Capability; or Expert Services.

5. Rational Justifying Use of Cited Statutory Authority [REDACTED]

To meet current Naval Postgraduate School research and operational network initiatives, the University must continue to connect its high speed networking infrastructure with its networking research institutions and partners

through the non-profit CENIC and the CALREN educational networks with CENIC, our strategic research network provider. Through CENIC, the unique network provider that connects the top research universities locally and throughout the US with unprecedented research capabilities and alliances amongst its members (including Caltech, Stanford, 9 UC campuses, the Pacific Rim, and the National Educational and Research Internet2 (I2) Membership), NPS connects to its CENIC Digital Commodity Network and CENIC High Performance Research Network Connections at 10 Gbps in order to collaborate with the other key CENIC/I2 universities and meet current NPS strategic plan research and teaching initiatives. There is no Internet provider that can connect NPS to our key educational research partners in less hops and latency and meet performance standards locally, regionally, and nationally.

Internet2 (I2) is a member-led advanced technology community founded by the nation's leading higher education institutions in 1996. Internet2 provides a collaborative environment for U.S. research and education organizations to solve common technology challenges, and to develop innovative solutions in support of their educational, research, and community service missions.

NPS, as a member of CENIC and I2, can take advantage of deeply discounted services through the I2 Net+ services that have been vetted among the member institutions. Cost savings experienced are up to 98% of retail. Services offered through the agreement can be leveraged to collaborate with fellow partner universities around the country. No other consortia exist that offers these services among our academic partners.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Solicit Offers from as Many Offerors as Practicable [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Based on the cost savings, the required connectivity to CENIC, and NPS' membership in the Internet2 consortium, no other sources were sought for these services.

7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost

Costs will be determined fair and reasonable at time of award by the Contracting Officer and based on previous contracts and similar contracting efforts.

8. Market Research [REDACTED]

Market Research finalized on 12 June 2016 indicated annual costs of personal file storage alone ranging from \$29,000 to \$490,000.

9. Other Facts Supporting Use of Other Than Full and Open Competition [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Each of the NET+ initiative's services was developed by a group of universities through the NET+ service validation process and has additional enhancements to the standard service offerings to support enterprise usage and broad adoption across campuses. This program provides significant technical and contractual benefit and allows campuses to leverage these services using a best of breed offering.

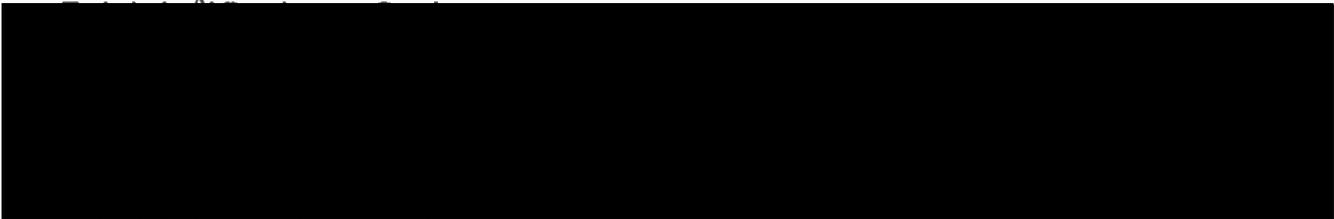
10. Actions to Remove Barriers to Future Competition [REDACTED]

NPS expects to continue to take advantage of the services offered through our CENIC and I2 membership. These services are openly competed among service providers and are then included in the service offerings once properly vetted and accepted by the member institutions. NPS does not plan to openly compete separately from the I2 consortium.

CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

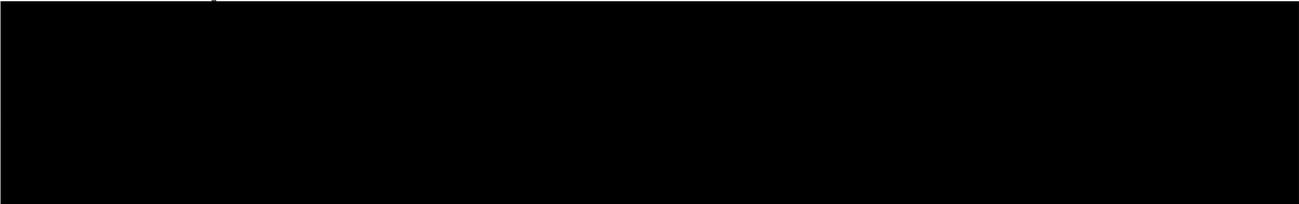
TECHNICAL/REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this Justification and its supporting acquisition planning documents, except as noted herein, are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



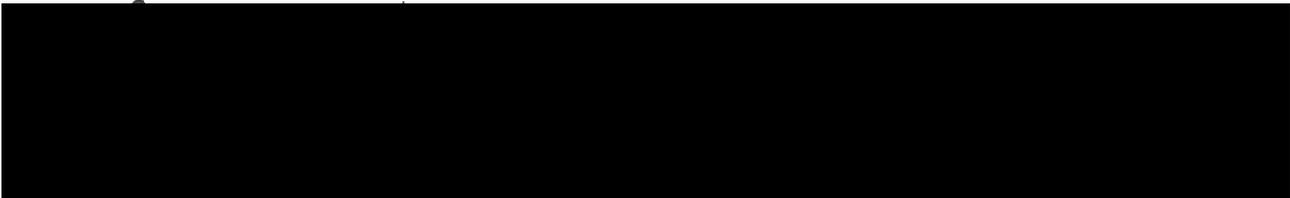
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

I have determined this Justification is legally sufficient.



CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify that this Justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. To the extent that the J&A/LSJ value is between \$3K and \$500K, the Contracting Officer's signature below also represents approval of the J&A/LSJ.



CONTRACTING ACTIVITY COMPETITION ADVOCATE REVIEW

To the extent that the J&A/LSJ value is between \$500K and \$12.5M, the Competition Advocate's signature below also represents approval of the J&A/LSJ.

