



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS
LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION
FOR LIMITING SOURCES ON THE FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE
PROGRAM FAR Part 8.4**



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SOLICITATION NO: DCSC-20-FSS-17

USING OFFICE OR DIVISION: Information Technology Division

CAPTION: HQ Hardware Refresh

FINDINGS

1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:

The District of Columbia Courts (the Courts) Procurement and Contracts Branch, on behalf of the Information Technology Division, proposes to enter into a purchase order on the basis of other than full and open competition for the Courts' enterprise server standard of HP brand servers.

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved:

This request provides for the procurement of HP servers and related hardware required for the Courts Information Technology production datacenter and Microsoft Windows server datacenter license to cover all servers in this procurement.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value):

The Courts are seeking to purchase 3 HP Synergy enclosures with all related hardware (rack, blades, CPUs, memory, hard drives, etc....), and Microsoft Server datacenter licensing to cover all cores on CPUs on all the blades. The estimated cost for hardware and licenses is \$2.5 million based historical data from similar purchases.

4. The authority and supporting rationale and, if applicable, a demonstration of the proposed contractor's unique qualifications to provide the required supply or service:

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of Public Law 103-347§ 211 permitting use of the Federal Supply Schedule program, as implemented by FAR 8.4 and substantiated by the following:

FAR 8.405-6(b) - items peculiar to one manufacturer are required (i.e. brand name, product, or a feature of a product), and

- Items are essential to the Government's requirements
- Market research indicates similar products do not meet the agency's needs.

The Courts' datacenter has only HP servers in HQ and COOP sites as approved by the Enterprise Architecture Board in 2008. The server team does not have any experience with any other vendor's hardware. Furthermore, no other vendors provide Synergy frames similar to HP with multiple blades in one frame. This feature enables the Courts to reduce the physical hardware footprint and to save money on maintaining the hardware.



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5. A determination by the ordering activity Contracting Officer that the order represents the best value consistent with FAR 8.404(d)

By signing the justification, the Contracting Officer has determined that the cost/price represents the best value and results in the lowest overall cost alternative (considering price, special features, administrative costs, etc.) to meet the needs of the Courts.

6. A description of the market research conducted:

Market research utilized information from a similar purchase for the Courts' COOP Site servers. The Courts purchased one Synergy frame that has only 6 Blades with half TeraBytes of memory. The Courts is looking to buy 3 Synergy frames with 12 blades each has 1 TeraBytes of memory for our production HQ datacenter. The total estimated price including all hardware and licenses is \$2.5 million.


7. Any other facts supporting the justification:

The IT division requires the same hardware model and specs at both HQ and COOP. HP Synergy provides 12 blades (servers) in one frame. The Courts previously purchased one (1) Synergy frame for our COOP site. Production HQ datacenter needs to have the same specs for testing any configuration or patches before applying to HQ production site.


8. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.

None have been determined.

12/10/19
Date

 IT Director
Division Director Name
Name of Division

11 Dec 19
Date


Contracting Officer Name
Contracting Officer