


DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
LIMITED-SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

This acquisition is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule Program (see FAR 8.401)

<b>1. Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:</b> The requiring activity is the National Mediation Board (NMB) and the contracting activity is Bureau of the Fiscal Service.	
<b>2.a Nature and/or description of the action being approved:</b>  The purpose of this limited-sources justification is to obtain approval to award a firm fixed price contract with Thomson Reuters for the purchase of the items described in section 3.a below. The anticipated period of performance (POP) that will be from December 25, 2024 through December 24, 2025. This requirement will be procured through Thomson Reuters UEI: L997DB4PEJL8 with their GSA schedule GS-02F-026DA.	
<b>2.b Name of the vendor:</b> Thomson Reuters	
<b>2.c Requisition No.:</b> NMB-25-PR-0003	
<b>2.d Bridge contract:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>2.e Brand name:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>3.a A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs:</b> NMB requires 10 subscriptions to the Westlaw Edge National Primary Law (42510228), All Analytical Enterprise (42077755), Litigation Collection Enterprise (41933475), Practical Law for Government with Dynamic Toolset (42958182) and Government National Reporter Images for Government (41994565).	
<b>3.b Includes IT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	
<b>4.a Identification of the authority being used (Check the appropriate box that applies).</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A) – An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B) – Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized. <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(C) – In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order or BPA provided that the original order or BPA was placed in accordance with FSS procedures in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order or BPA must not have been previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> FAR 8.405-6(b) – Items peculiar to one manufacturer. (i.e., Brand Name specifications)	
<b>4.b Supporting Rationale:</b>  Thomson Reuters has been identified as the only source capable of providing the required content in an arrangement that suits the needs of NMB. Utilizing another product would not provide access to the same information. Market Research was conducted by Contract Specialist Kai Jackson on October 2024 to review mandated government sources, GWACs and open market sources for the requirement. The results of the market research supported the	

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Government's determination to obtain these subscriptions under a limited source basis under a GSA schedule GS-02F-026DA.

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

The Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated price will be fair and reasonable based on a comparison of the proposed prices with the Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) and by comparison of pricing available on the open market to the proposed FedLink pricing. Awarding off of the GSA Schedule results in a cheaper pricing than an open market price or FEDLINK.

**6. A description of the market research conducted among schedule holders and the results or a statement why market research was not conducted:**

Market Research was conducted by Contract Specialist Kai Jackson on October 2024. Treasury Mandatory Sources were researched providing no qualifying alternatives that could fulfill the requirement. Best-In-Class sources were researched through performing a search of keywords "Westlaw" on Acquisition Gateway.

The primary competitors to this service Lexis + and Bloomberg Law are already purchased by the Bureau and their contents, while similar, were determined no to be replacements for the original and proprietary content available from Westlaw Edge.

**7.a Any other facts supporting this justification:**

N/A

**7.b Attachments:**  Yes  No

**8. A statement of the actions, if any, the Requiring Activity and Contracting Activity may take to remove or overcome any barriers that led to restricted consideration before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies and services is made:**

I hereby certify that any supporting information and data provided (e.g., the Government's minimum needs or requirements, or other rationale for the limited sources) and which form the basis for this justification for an exception to fair opportunity, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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<b>9. Certifications and Approvals:</b>	
<b>9.a Program Office Certification (Requiring Activity).</b> I hereby certify that any supporting information and data provided (e.g., the Government's minimum needs or requirements, or other rationale for the limited sources) and which form the basis for this justification for an exception to fair opportunity, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
_____ [Redacted Signature]	
<b>9.b Contracting Officer Certification and Approval.</b> I hereby determine the circumstances of this acquisition support the justification to acquire these supplies or services on a limited source basis. I also certify this limited-sources justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Therefore, unless additional approvals are required as prescribed below, as the authorized contracting officer for this acquisition, I hereby approve the processing of this requirement on a limited-source basis.	
_____ [Redacted Signature]	
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