

**Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. Contracting Agency: Defense Human Resource Activity- Procurement Support Office
4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, 22350.

2. Authority Cited:

10 U.S.C.2304(c)(1), FAR 6.302-1 -- Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements

3. Description of Supplies and Services: Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) requires three user licenses for a subscription to CQ-Roll Call, Inc.'s online legislative tracking service CQ.com. The DTMO requires a subscription solution with a capability to provide archival information and real-time updates and alerts. Users require access to the service on their desktop/laptop computers on internet browser versions compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer and Google Chrome.

The DTMO was directed to consolidate, reorganize, and centrally managing Commercial Travel Policy for the DoD Travel Enterprise. To support this mission requirement, the DTMO has used CQ.com as a tool to provide its travel policy experts with real-time legislative information and news to track bills, status of committee actions, floor schedules, votes, amendments and statutes that affect DoD travel. A subscription to CQ.com is required to enable the DTMO to continue to meet this critical mission requirement.

4. Description of Action: A firm fixed price contract is planned with a period of performance of twelve months from February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. FY15 Operating and Maintenance (O&M) funds are available in the total estimated amount of [REDACTED]

5. Reason for Authority Cited: This action supports the use of the authority cited in paragraph 2 above for the following reasons:

a. This requirement evolved after the inception of the DTMO in 2006 when it was directed to consolidate, reorganize, and centrally managing Commercial Travel Policy for the DoD Travel Enterprise. The DTMO requires a subscription to CQ.com to as a tool to provide its travel policy experts with real time legislative information and news to track bills, status of committee actions, floor schedules, votes, amendments and statutes that affect DoD travel. DTMO travel policy expert's access to CQ.com enables them to continue to meet the DTMO's mission by enabling them with the ability to conduct analyses of the latest congressional actions affecting Defense travel.

b. CQ.com's ability to provide real-time legislative information and proprietary analysis cannot be met through full and open competition since CQ Roll Call, Inc. holds the copyright to their exclusive content. CQ.com is a proprietary product and is only available from the publisher.

c. Market research determined that the required subscription is only available from CQ.com.

6. Effort to Obtain Competition: Due to limitations of open market sources, the DTMO has been unable to make this procurement a competitive one. This service was previously obtained on a competitive basis in the FY07 timeframe when two capable sources of supply existed in the open market. The two previous sources of supply were GalleryWatch.com and Congressional Quarterly. Competition was eliminated in 2009 when those sources of supply merged into the company now known as CQ Roll Call, Inc. It is anticipated that the contracting officer will publish a notice electronically.

7. Effort to remove barriers to/increase competition: This requirement will be limited to CQ.com until other brand products can be used or requirements change.

8. Market Research: Market research included: reviews of small business vendor capabilities returned from a search in the DSBS database, a review of GSA Schedules using a search in the GSA eLibrary, and an internet search engine query of small and large business vendors in the open market. Each search failed to provide a solution capable of meeting the scope of the DTMO's full requirement for both archival and real-time legislative news and analysis including exclusive copyrighted content from CQ.com. CQ.com is a proprietary product and is only available from the publisher.

9. Interested Sources: The only potential capable source identified in the DTMO's market research is CQ-Roll Call, Inc.

10. Other Factors: The DTMO's current subscription to CQ.com for 3 licensed users expires on January 31, 2015, contract number HC1028-11-F-0550.