

United States Department of Agriculture
Decision to Restrict Competition under the Simplified Acquisition Threshold
Identification Number: 1202SC26Q2719

In accordance with the Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Overhaul (RFO) FAR 12.102 (a), the following documents the decision to restrict competition for this acquisition.

(1) Mission Area and Contracting Activity.

Requisition Number: 1172128

Requesting Activity Agency: USDA Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, Williams, AZ.

Contracting Activity: PPS, IPO, At-Incident Management Support (AIMS) Branch

(2) Estimated Value: [REDACTED]

(3) Brief Description of Supplies or Services

Red Dragon “Dragon Egg” Delayed Chemical Ignition Dispenser dispenses Dragon Eggs during prescribed burns and wildfire incidents. The Dragon Eggs are a safe and reliable ignition source for aerial fire operations. Once dispensed, the Dragon Eggs, using a chemical reaction, release heat energy and deliver burn time sufficient to light difficult fuel sources in variable moisture conditions.

The USDA Forest Service intends to procure one (1) new Red Dragon Delayed Chemical Ignition Dispenser for use during fire operations.

(4) Suggested Source

Helifire LLC
3039 Amwiler Road, Unit 128
Atlanta, GA 30360
UEI: C1DHT6MP18K6

(5) Justification for Restricting Competition and the Basis for that Decision.

- A. Explain the unique qualifications/characteristics of the proposed contractor or product and why no other contractor or product/service can meet the Government's need.

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) provides national leadership to enable interoperable wildland fire operations among federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local partners. The NWCG Standards for Aerial Ignition (NSAI), PMS 501 defines procedures and equipment to ensure that all aerial ignition operations are performed in a safe and efficient manner. NSAI PMS 501 Chapter 3 - Approved Aerial Ignition Devices, lists the only aerial ignition devices currently approved for aerial ignition operations for use by all cooperating natural resource agencies.

Wildland Fire Aerial Ignition Operations utilizes Red Dragon “Dragon Egg” Delayed Chemical Ignition Dispensers as directed by (NWCG) PMS 501, Chapter 3. The manufacturer of the Red Dragon Dispenser, SEI Industries, strongly recommends utilizing Dragon Eggs in the dispenser to ensure safest operation of the ignition device. Since this requirement is incendiary, safety is of the utmost importance.

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Failure to acquire Red Dragon Delayed Chemical Ignition Dispensers in a timely manner would severely limit operational readiness for upcoming fire seasons, jeopardizing the USDA/FS's fire protection responsibilities and wildland firefighting response. Moreover, any reduction in nationwide fire suppression capabilities would pose additional risks to property, USDA/FS personnel, and civilian safety and jeopardize existing factory OEM warranties.

Helifire LLC is the only authorized distributor of this product in the United States.

B. Describe market research conducted and the results or the reason why no market research was conducted.

Due to the proprietary nature of this requirement, limited market research was conducted using basic internet search engines and current GSA Advantage! contract opportunities.

A "Sources Sought Notice" (1202SC26SS2719) was also posted on SAM.gov for seven (7) calendar days, with one response from interested vendors, however the interested party could not provide proof of their status as an authorized distributor and servicer of SEI Industries equipment.

Certifications & Approvals

(6) Technical / Requirements Personnel Certification

I certify this requirement meets the Government's minimum need and that the supporting data, which forms a basis for this justification, is complete and accurate.

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Marcus Ortiz
Helicopter Program Manager

(7) Contracting Officer's Certification

I certify that the data supporting the recommended use of other than full and open competition accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby approve this justification.

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Matthew Cox
Contracting Officer