

SOLE SOURCE - SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS

U.S. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE

I recommend that NSF negotiate with American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) /EurekAlert! (Online News Service.)

I have reviewed other products/services to identify other vendors which might meet NSF's requirements through one of the following methods:

- GSA Schedule
- Open Market Price Lists
- Previous requirements
- Other

FAR 19.502-2 requires an award to Small Business for supplies or services with an anticipated dollar value exceeding \$3,000. If applicable specify why award is being recommended to other than a Small Business.

- No other Small Company can supply the equipment or service.
- The Company does not have a small business distributor that can supply the equipment or service.
- GSA schedule does not provide the equipment or service from small business.
- Other _____

The total estimated cost, including shipping and handling (if applicable), of this effort is [REDACTED] and the period of performance is 3/8/2026-3/7/2027.

This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR 13.106, for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source-EurekAlert.

Description of the Required Service - The National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Legislative and Public Affairs (OLPA), requires continued access to EurekAlert to disseminate NSF-funded research findings from national and international media outlets. This service supports NSF's mission to promote transparency, public awareness, and broad visibility of taxpayer-funded scientific research.

Statutory Authority- This acquisition is justified under FAR 6.302-1, *Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements*.

Rationale for Sole Source - EurekAlert is the primary and most widely used science news release platform serving federal agencies, universities, experts and research institutions worldwide. It provides NSF with direct access to a specialized audience of science journalists, editors, public information officers, public visitors, and media professionals who rely on EurekAlert as a trusted, centralized source for scientific research news.

EurekAlert is uniquely capable of providing embargoed access to reporters, a critical feature that supports accurate, coordinated, and responsible coverage of NSF-funded research. No other known platform offers comparable embargo functionality combined with a global, verified network of science journalists.

As the world's largest and most comprehensive science news service, EurekAlert is uniquely positioned to gather, identify, and disseminate breaking and embargoed NSF-funded research announcements. No other single vendor possesses the capability, reach, or reliability necessary to provide this service at the required scale.

Impact of Non-Availability - Without continued access to EurekAlert, NSF's ability to promote funded research, maintain visibility within the global scientific community, and ensure widespread dissemination of taxpayer-supported research outcomes would be significantly diminished. The absence of this service would reduce media reach, delay coverage of time-sensitive announcements, and limit public access to NSF research impacts. This support is vital to sustaining OLPA's knowledge - particularly to breaking news and embargoes NSF funded news.

Market Research - Market research indicates that no other vendor provides a comparable platform offering the same combination of global reach, embargoed access, specialized science-media audience, and comprehensive coverage of federally funded research announcements.

Conclusion - Based on the unique capabilities of EurekAlert and the absence of reasonable alternatives, competition for this requirement is impractical. Awarding this acquisition on a sole-source basis is in the best interest of the Government and is necessary to meet NSF's mission requirements.

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