SINGLE SOURCE DETERMINATION USING
SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES (SAP)
FOR AN ACTION NOT EXCEEDING THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD
(AUTHORITY: FAR 13.106-1(b)(1))

REQUIREMENTS-25-3788
Requisition # 143013-26-0020

1. **Agency and contracting activity.** Department of Commerce, NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office (AGO) and the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office.

2. **Description of supplies or services required to meet agency needs (including the estimated value).** This contract will procure services to monitor established oyster reefs to determine oyster population density, oyster biomass, presence, absence of multiple oyster year classes, and shell volume.

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3. **Identification of the single source or the brand name to be solicited.**

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4. **Supporting rationale.** Only one source or brand name is reasonably available as detailed below:

   ☐ Other - Only one source is capable -

   The NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office (NCBO) leads the fisheries work of the Chesapeake Bay Program, including oyster restoration. This contract is needed to monitor progress towards the Oyster Outcome of the Chesapeake Watershed Agreement, which commits the partnership to "Maintain reefs established under the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement to achieve restoration success metrics."

   To ensure compliance, reefs are monitored to determine oyster population density, oyster biomass, presence/absence of multiple oyster year classes, and shell volume. The Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) has performed this work since 2019 and possesses knowledge of the technical aspects and specific processes of the work, including a strong understanding of work products, work flow, and the role of partners in each aspect of the work. It is important to use this contractor to ensure continuity of the monitoring and data processes as the results will be compared against past years' monitoring results to inform management actions on oyster restoration sites. For example, this contractor has developed detailed computer scripts to perform the necessary data analyses; re-using these scripts ensures annual continuity.

   ORP coordinates work between sub-contractors who perform specific elements of the scope of work. ORP's role is critical in ensuring that methods, data formatting, and statistical analyses

are comparable and/or consistent among multiple sub-contractors. This is necessary to ensure NOAA's final Oyster Reef Monitoring Report is scientifically valid and cohesive, given that multiple entities collect and analyze the data.

5. Market Research.

The NCBO is not aware of any other organization with the specific knowledge required to conduct the required research and provide reporting consistent with the previous years of research and reporting.

6. Technical/Requirements Representative Certification

I certify that this requirement constitutes the Government's minimum needs and the supporting data provided herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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7. Determination

I hereby determine that the circumstances of this action deem only one source is reasonably available. This determination is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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