

**Simplified Acquisition - Justification for sole source
FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i)**

- (1) Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission Financial Management Branch.
- (2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved.** Subscription renewal of the ScienceDirect service offered by Elsevier B.V. for a period of performance through 12/31/2021.
- (3) A description of services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value).** The proposed single-source, simplified acquisition is for a CFTC license to ScienceDirect offered by Elsevier B.V. CFTC currently uses ScienceDirect as a research resource for financial markets.

The mission of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is to protect market participants and the public from fraud, manipulation, abusive practices and systemic risk related to derivatives – both futures and swaps – and to foster transparent, open, competitive and financially sound markets.

In carrying out this mission, CFTC requires up to date information and accurate information on financial markets. A subscription to the ScienceDirect service will provide some of the information necessary to carry out the CFTC mission.

Elsevier B.V. quoted a total price of \$21,620.36 for the ScienceDirect subscription for one (1) year and no option years.

- (1) An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.** FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) - Exclusive licensing agreements
- (2) Certification and approvals:**

I certify that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Contracting Officer:

Benjamin Van Wormer