

**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.** Subscriptions to SmartLinx and Company Dossier, products offered by LexisNexis.
- (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 SmartLinx and Company Dossier, both for 2 people. SmartLinx is a subscription based service that provides information on individuals by accessing more than 13,000 proprietary and public data sources; using patented technology to that links relevant data points to reveal connections; filters out irrelevant and redundant information; generates a visual map of all connections; allows reports to be created of search results. Company Dossier is a subscription based service that provides detailed information on more than 35 million global public and private companies; allows the information to be displayed graphically; allows reports to be created based on your searches.

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 individuals and companies. A subscription to SmartLinx and Company Dossier will provide some of the information necessary to carry out the CFTC mission.

LexisNexis quoted a total price of \$4,296.00 for SmartLinx and \$8,640 for Company Dossier for licenses 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:

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Benjamin Van Wormer