

**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.** Access to LexisNexis, 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 for two individuals to LexisNexis. Access would be transactional, meaning that the cost is totally dependent on the number of searches done plus any associated charges (i.e. database chosen) each month. Access is for the two CFTC librarians to the content on LexisNexis which is unique to them.

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. Transactional access to LexisNexis is necessary to carry out the CFTC mission.

The CFTC has estimated \$20,000 for transactional access to LexisNexis for (1) year.

- (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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