

SINGLE / SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

Preparation Instructions:

The appropriate department representative must complete the single source form below and forward to their Department Head, or his designee, for approval. Upon approval, forward the sole source justification to the Purchasing Agent for review and final approval. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Vendor Name: Astrophysics Inc. Department: Information Technology

A complete description of the purchase:

Advanced Security Screening Systems Maintenance and Support to include annual preventative maintenance and radiation survey

1. Why is it necessary to contract in a non-competitive manner?

Unique - Compatibility Issue

Detailed explanation:

The XIS systems are sold only as a direct transaction between Astrophysics Inc. and the end-user. Astrophysics Inc. is the manufacturer and sole source supplier and warranty service provider of the XIS line of X-ray inspection systems in the United States.

2. What research has been performed to ensure that no other source is capable of fulfilling the requirement? (For instance, list other products or services tested or used and indicate why they are not acceptable, include patent documentation, or market analysis)

(See attached Sole Sourced Letter) Astrophysics Inc. is the manufacturer and sole source supplier and warranty service provider of the XIS line of X-ray inspection systems in the United States.

3. What are the exclusive features or capabilities the product or service offers the County?

Astrophysics x-ray equipment include inspection hardware and software that is designed to detect and counter both local and regional threats.

4. Why are these features or characteristics essential and necessary to meet the County's needs?

Maintaining security is an evolving challenge as national security and public safety risks have grown. The imaging features allow screeners to access a range of powerful inspection tools, all of which can be customized to meet security requirements.

5. What steps are being taken to foster competition in future purchases of this product or service?

This proprietary screening system will become an integral part of El Paso County's security efforts. ITD will continue the administration of the maintenance and support of this system as it continues to meet the requirements of the county.

Approved:

Gyona Mata-Alvarez

Department Head or designee

Clivia Bureau

Purchasing Agent or designee

8/18/2023

Date

10/03/2023

Date