

## **Justification and Approval**

### **F5 Hardware/Software Maintenance Renewal**

1. Contracting Agency: Defense Human Resource Activity- Procurement Support Office  
4040 N Fairfax Dr Suite 120 Arlington, VA 22203
2. Authority Cited: 41 U.S.C. 251, *et seq.* and Title 40 U.S.C. 501, FAR 8.405-6 – Limited Sources – Brand Name, Multiple Award Schedule Program
3. Description of Supplies and Services: In 2008, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) first competed a requirement and subsequently purchased F5 Networks BIG Premium Service. In 2009, DMDC again competed and purchased F5 Networks BIG Premium Service. The maintenance agreement expired December 31, 2010. DMDC needs to reinstate the maintenance so that it can continue to use the F5 hardware and its software correctly. In addition, the maintenance support will be renewed to run for one year with the option for two more years.
4. Description of Action: A Firm-Fixed Price contract is planned with a total estimated value of [REDACTED] which includes the reinstatement fee and renewal of the maintenance support for the base and two option Periods. FY11 Operating and Maintenance (O&M) funds are available for the base period in the amount of [REDACTED]. The Period of Performance will be for 12 months from date of award and two (2) 12 month option years commencing upon execution.
5. Reason for Authority Cited: The Government competed the original requirement through GSA in 2008. At that time F5 Networks BIG Premium Service was selected as the best value to satisfy the requirement. In 2009, under GSA Purchase Order GSQ0910DF0027, the Government purchased the F5 Networks BIG Premium Service Renewal that expired 12/31/10.  
  
F5 Networks BIG Premium Service is a brand name product. Since the Government procured F5 Networks BIG Premium Service to support the F5 hardware and its software for DMDC servers, and needs to maintain that hardware and its software, it must procure maintenance that supports that equipment. Only the brand name F5 Networks BIG Premium Service maintenance is compatible in order to support the equipment and to insure the hardware and its software is updated properly and continues to work properly. Therefore, no other brand or service will satisfy the Government's requirement.
6. Effort to Obtain Competition: Market research identified possible sources that are available to meet this requirement. These sources are contract holders under NASA SEWP and GSA.
7. Effort to remove barriers to/increase competition: DMDC is always considering which software and hardware supports its mission the best. DMDC's mission has changed and evolved over time, and every day new technology emerges that is capable of supporting that mission. If it is decided that F5 Networks BIG Premium Service no longer satisfies the Government's requirements then the Government will search for a new solution, and re-compete the original requirement, and/or the new requirement.

8. Market Research: Market research was conducted on NASA SEWP, GSA Advantage, F5 Reseller Partners and the DoD ESI website. The Government also performed internet searches for available F5 Networks BIG Premium Service providers. Market research identified several vendors on NASA SEWP that are capable of meeting the Government's needs.

9. Interested Sources: PCL Federal Defense Solutions, F5 Networks, Adsevero, LLC, Red River and Dell Federal Systems.

10. Other Factors: The Government competed the original requirement in 2008. At that time, F5 Networks BIG Premium Service was selected as the best value to satisfy the requirement. Since the Government procured F5 Networks BIG Premium Service, and needs to maintain that software, it must procure maintenance that supports that hardware and software. Only the name brand F5 Networks BIG Premium Service is compatible in order to support the equipment and to insure the hardware and its software is updated properly and continues to work properly. Therefore, no other brand or service will satisfy the Government's requirement.