

Science Direct Subscription

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission) intends to issue a sole source purchase order for a ScienceDirect subscription to Elsevier BV for a period of performance of one (1) year in accordance with FAR 13.106(b)(1)(i) 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1). CFTC currently uses the ScienceDirect subscription as a research resource for financial markets. The needed information is only available from the ScienceDirect subscription and CFTC knows of no alternatives offered by other sources that would meet CFTC's needs.

This notice does not constitute a solicitation for offers and, as such, no solicitation is available. However, the Government will consider responses from all responsible sources received by 12:00pm ET on February 10, 2023. Responses shall be sent to Benjamin Van Wormer at bvanwormer@cftc.gov. Written responses must include sufficient information to establish capability to fulfill the requirement. Any responses received will only be considered for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement in lieu of the sole source contract described in this notice, and such determination shall be made at the sole discretion of CFTC.

Simplified Acquisition – Sole Source Justification
FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i)

- (1) Identification of the agency and the contracting activity:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission Business Operations 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 12/31/2023.
- (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. The ScienceDirect journals are proprietary to Elsevier B.V. and CFTC knows of no alternatives offered by other sources that would meet CFTC’s needs.

Elsevier B.V. quoted a total price of \$23,137.47 for the ScienceDirect subscription for one (1) year and no option years.

- (4) An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.** FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) and 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1) “the property or services needed by the executive agency are available from only one responsible source and no other type of property or services will satisfy the needs of the executive agency.”

(5) 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