

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") intends to award a contract to Firstgrain, Inc. for a subscription renewal of Firstgrain.com (Firstgrain) for a period of performance of one (1) year. The Government intends to procure this requirement under USC 41 §3304 (a)(1) and FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) which states "the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available." CFTC currently uses Firstgrain.com as a research resource for data and information on the rice market. In carrying out the agency's mission, CFTC requires access to real-time, in-depth news, information and data. Specifically, Firstgrain provides detailed information on the full rice market through all areas such as rice producers, rice millers and rice marketers. This allows users to make better, more informed decisions on the rice market opportunities through published strategies and analysis. There is no known alternative source that provides the daily analysis on the various areas of the rice market as required by CFTC which is available through the identified product. A subscription to Firstgrain will provide the necessary information, data and analytics to support CFTC's mission for market regulation. The identified vendor is the sole provider of the required information. Therefore, this vendor is the only responsible source identified as reasonably available that will satisfy the agency requirements.

This notice does not constitute a solicitation for offers and, as such, no solicitation is available. However, the Government will consider written responses from all responsible sources received by 5:00pm ET, September 14, 2023. 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.