



## Application for Determination of Sole Source Procurement

This form, *with one or more categories completed*, must accompany a purchase requisition for equipment, supplies or services exceeding \$20,000. Select the category or categories appropriate for this procurement. Attach all documentation necessary to support the application. Procurements of \$20,000 and greater shall be posted to the NM Tech Purchasing website for the mandatory thirty (30) day period per NMSA 13-1-126.1

Requesting Department:  
Proposed Contractor:  
Product Description:

End User's Name:  
Estimated Cost:  
Date:

I am requesting a sole source procurement based on the following reasons:

Compatibility of existing equipment or supplies; provide details in *Explanation*. Include manufacturer, model number and NMT PCN of existing equipment.

Item specifically required for use in conjunction with grant or contract. Attach applicable grant or contract page and provide justification of why it is required for grant / contract and why other substitutes are not acceptable.

Requirement is of a proprietary / copyright / licensing nature which is explained below.

The requested product has unique design / performance specifications or quality requirements which are essential to my work, research protocol or teaching needs, and are not available in comparable products. Please discuss this uniqueness / performance below.

NMT Staff has specialized training and / or extensive experience. Retraining would incur substantial cost in money / time as explained below.

I have contacted other suppliers or service providers identified below and have considered their product, however, their products / services are not acceptable because they are lacking one or more technical capabilities as discussed below.

The requested product is essential in maintaining / continuing experiments. Other investigators have used this product in similar research and for comparability of results, I require it.

Contractor is the sole manufacturer and sole distributor and has unique features / characteristics not available from other sources (provide explanation and attach applicable documents).

Product is a prototype; contractor offers a trade-in allowance; availability of service, parts or maintenance as discussed below.

Explanation:

By signing below, requestor certifies that the information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

End User Signature (actual signature required)

Printed Name

Date

Chief Procurement Officer (signature required)

Date

For use by Purchasing:

Date application received in purchasing: 6/30/2021 NMT Web Posting date: 6/30/2021 Expiration date: 7/30/2021

## Sole source justification

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 72-4B, the Water Data Act, the NM Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources is convening water related agencies toward a shared and interoperable water data service. This multiyear, multifaceted “project” requires skills from a specialized team of information technology (IT) support, especially familiar with the other state agencies data management practices and techniques. New Mexico is the 2<sup>nd</sup> state in the country to enact legislation requiring open and interoperable water data, and while there are many different approaches to solving the “interoperable” data challenge, we are building our own data service platform, our “project,” to fit the ranges of needs for our data providing agencies and the data users using the most current data integration and data management practices. This is a complex IT “build” project, with numerous data sources and formats.

While there are numerous IT services and a wide spectrum of specific capabilities in the world, we are seeking a specialized IT consultant with scalable IT project management to grow this team and the project. The sole source vendor has been contributing and participating in the NM water data technical team for over a year, and has developed the required relationships and knowledge of the data challenge that continues. The vendor is uniquely equipped to lead the IT project with a working knowledge of the state-specific subject matter and the IT infrastructure design and development in its current form of build out. Familiarity with the state agencies and representatives of the water data in our complex water data project is required, with ability to coach/create fast-paced “agile” project development. There are few or no other IT service providers who come with this level of background and skill set, as required for the fast paced project timeline established for the Water Data Act.