

SUBJECT: Repair of a Rubotherm brand magnetic suspension balance (MSB).

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DESCRIPTION:

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), intends to negotiate, on a sole source basis, under authority of FAR 13.106-1(b)(1), with Rubotherm of Natick, MA for the repair of a magnetic suspension balance.

Sole Source is determined based on the following: Only Rubotherm has the capability to repair the currently inoperable and existing NIST owned Rubotherm IsoSORP magnetic suspension balance. Rubotherm is the only company with access to adequately trained technicians, proprietary technology, and required parts to complete this repair.

This repair shall be completed in Gaithersburg, MD, and is required to be completed no later than 11th December, 2015 in order to avoid jeopardizing the progress of a mission-critical agency research project.

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is 811219- Laboratory instrument repair and maintenance services with a size standard of \$20.5.

No solicitation package will be issued. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive quotations; however, the Government will consider responses received by November 30, 2015.

A determination by the Government not to compete the proposed acquisition based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will normally be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement.