

Notice Type:

Sole Source Award Notice: Steel Thread Software, Inc.

NAICS:

541511

Solicitation #:

PTO285P1251965

Sole Source Authority:

The USPTO Efficiency Act, 35 USC §2(b)(4)(A) and USPTO implementing regulations, the Patent and Trademark Acquisition Guidelines (PTAG), specifically exempt USPTO from the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA - 41 U.S.C. § 253). The PTAG states “it is the policy of USPTO to promote competition to the maximum extent possible.”

Anticipated Award Date:

September 21, 2012

Synopsis:

The United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) intends to award a sole-source purchase order in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Steel Thread Software Inc., 22375 Broderick Drive, Suite 150, Sterling VA 20166 for one year of Steel Thread Software, Inc. authorized or certified professional services consisting of 200 hours of consulting engineering services. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is 541511. This is not a solicitation nor will a solicitation be issued in regards to this announcement. Therefore, no RFQ will be issued as a result.

Description of Requirement:

USPTO is pursuing a requirement on a sole source basis to acquire Steel Thread Software, Inc. consulting services to be able to define a configuration management roadmap for a “cloud” solution with a social coding platform component.

USPTO requires the services of a consulting company familiar with the architecture, security, tools-stack, configuration management and related deployment processes (requirements, engineering, testing, bug tracking, continuous integration and automated deployment) that are integral to software engineering in an Agile development environment. USPTO needs to define a Road Map for moving from the multitude of environments in use today to a common development platform that will simplify Configuration Management and other operational, enterprise disciplines at USPTO

The Road Map that USPTO is seeking must provide a means for USPTO to either build the “cloud” solution in-house, or alternately, allow a secure cloud provider to meet our requirements.

Steel Thread Software, Inc.'s services offer a unique social coding platform that integrates social networking and collaboration capabilities with application lifecycle management, is tailored to the Federal government environment, and is built to run on government run supply systems and meet government requirements. This particular social coding platform is essential to the USPTO's requirement, thereby precluding consideration of a product by another company.

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) addressed this same reality over 6 years ago when they developed FORGE.mil, a development platform that supports over 16,000 software developers around the world, using the Internet, an https protocol, and two-factor authentication. The contractor who designed and continues to support this DoD development environment is Steel Thread Software, Inc.

During the past 6 years, Steel Thread Software, Inc. has had the opportunity to address technical, security, requirements, continuous integration and adoption and rollout for DoD development teams. This past experience and subsequent evolution of Forge.mil, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to tackle our requirement for a common platform for Agile development. This level of expertise is only available from Steel thread Software, Inc.

Award Amount:

\$40,000.00

Period of Performance:

1 year from date of award

Primary Point of Contact:

The point of contact for information regarding this sources sought request is Shellie Eaton at (571) 272-5146. Responses can be sent to the USPTO, Office of Procurement, via E-Mail referencing the Synopsis # PTO285P1251965 to shellie.eaton@uspto.gov no later than (NLT) 5:00 P.M., local time of the Contracting Officer, Alexandria, VA on Friday, September 21, 2012.