

**Notice Type:**

Sole Source Award Notice: The Research Investment, Inc.

**NAICS:**

541910

**Solicitation #:**

PTO163P1201098

**Sole Source Authority:**

FAR 6.302-1

**Reason for Sole Source:**

Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

**Anticipated Award Date:**

December 19, 2011

**Synopsis:**

The United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) intends to award a sole-source purchase order in the amount of \$240,000.00 for Non Patent Literature to The Research Investment, Inc., 20600 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 650, Cleveland OH for a base year with three (3), 1 (one) year options in accordance with FAR 6.302-1 (only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements). The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is 541910. 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.

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**Award Amount:**

\$60,000.00

**Period of Performance:**

December 23, 2011 through December 22, 2012

**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 # PTO163P1201098 to [shellie.eaton@uspto.gov](mailto:shellie.eaton@uspto.gov) no later than (NLT) 5:00 P.M., local time of the Contracting Officer, Alexandria, VA on Friday, December 16, 2011.