

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

TITLE: InQuest, LLC

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Sandbox Subscription and Support for Fraud Detection

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Internal tracking number, if any: SS-22-003-LAJ

Date posted: October 22, 2021

Last day for receipt of information:

November 15, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.

***November 22, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.**

*Date extended due to Vendor Bid System being down.

This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes and will remain posted for a period of at least 7 business days.

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

43222500 Network Security Equipment

43233200 Security and Protection Software

43233203 Network Security or Virtual Private Network VPN Management Software

81111801 Computer or Network or Internet Security

81112208 Security and Protection Software Maintenance

92121700 Security Systems Services

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

1 Year

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Division of Information Technology (IT)

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g.. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):

DEO has identified a need to retain the Sandbox subscription and maintenance support product that is used to protect data and information systems used by DEO Reemployment Assistance (RA) Program, indirectly address fraud by ensuring claimant data is not leveraged for identity theft and third-party fraud. DEO has identified this tool generates actionable reports faster and with more accuracy than current solution, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of incident response capabilities, and thus leading to potentially significant cost avoidance.

Intended Single Source:

InQuest, LLC

2221 S Clark St.

Arlington, VA 22202

Estimated Dollar Amount:

\$50,532.00

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

DEO currently utilizes MetaDefender Sandbox to accomplish its purposes. However, DEO has identified that the software offered by InQuest, LLC provides greater efficacy of incident response capabilities, provides actionable reports faster and with more accuracy, and potentially provides greater significant cost avoidance than MetaDefender. InQuest is engaged with Joe Security to exclusively sell its product to the U.S. public sector, including federal, state, and local government agencies due an exclusive partnership.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Tameka Freeman, Government Operations Consultant III – Contract Manager

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Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall: provide notice of its intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in s.120.57(3), FS.