

**Justification Review Document
For
Limited Sources Justification and Approval**

1. Contracting Activity: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

2. Description of Action: A new government purchase card packet will be initiated utilizing CHES. Funding for this action will use Order Work Item: L50796.

3. Description of Supplies/Services: The U.S. Army Engineering Research and Development Center (ERDC), Research and Development (R&D) Network, Information Technology Lab (ITL), has a requirement to procure SolarWinds. The software licensing support agreement will be utilized by the RDE network, Helpdesk, IA support, and Asset management support teams. The ERDC, Information Technology Laboratory (ITL), RDE, R&D network has a requirement to purchase and maintain licensing support for its SolarWinds network maintenance & monitoring, helpdesk, and asset management software. The software was purchased in FY13 and all have annual maintenance that is required to be renewed each FY in order to keep software licensing current, supported, and updated. The RDE is an accredited network and as such must have the tools necessary to continue monitoring of devices on the network to maintain its accreditation; to remotely deploy software updates and patches to assets on the network; to provide reliable asset management tracking; and to provide a functional Helpdesk trouble ticketing and resolution system. SolarWinds software is also a primary software the RDE employs to comply with various security directives from the Army Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIG) guidelines. The STIG and the NSA Guides are the configuration standards for DOD Information Assurance (IA) and IA-enabled devices/systems. The estimated total price for this software and all required accessories is \$22,000.00.

4. Authority Cited: FAR 16.505(a)(4); when procuring items peculiar to one manufacturer the contracting officer must justify restricting consideration to an item peculiar to one manufacturer (e.g., a particular brand-name, product, or a feature of a product that is peculiar to one manufacturer).

5. Reason for Authority Cited: Since 1998, DISA Field Security Operations (FSO) has played a critical role enhancing the security posture of DoD's security systems by providing the Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs). The STIGs contain technical guidance to "lock down" information systems/software that might otherwise be vulnerable to a malicious computer attack. The SolarWinds suite of software enables the RDE to implement and maintain applicable STIG requirements. If the RDE does not comply with the STIGs set forth from DOD, the RDE will lose its accreditation to operate. It is imperative to the RDE network that the SolarWinds annual maintenance be renewed.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition: Item description will be placed on CHES to seek maximum competition IAW with FAR part 8.