

National Transportation Safety Board

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

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Sources Sought Notice

Nighthawk Data Extraction & Analysis

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The NTSB intends to award a sole source purchase order to Nighthawk Flight Systems, Inc., as the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonable available.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has a requirement to recover data from a damaged Sandel SN3500 Primary Navigation Display unit manufactured by Nighthawk Flight Systems, Inc. (previously Sandel Avionics) in support of an ongoing investigation (ERA23FA219). The Sandel SN3500 was involved in an accident in Reliance, Tennessee, in which a Cessna 182Q was substantially damaged and the private pilot was fatally injured.

The NTSB does not currently possess the necessary hardware and software to recover the data from the damaged Sandel unit.

The decision to award a sole source contract is based on the fact that Nighthawk Flight Systems is the manufacturer of the Sandel SN3500 Primary Navigation Display and is the only company that possesses the knowledge and necessary tools to recover the data from the damaged Sandel unit. Nighthawk is the exclusive manufacturer and technical service provider for all legacy Sandel Avionics flight displays. No other source is authorized by Nighthawk to provide these data recovery services.

The intended sole source contract will be awarded in accordance with FAR 13.106-1(b)(1), Soliciting from a single source. Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization).

Sources capable of fully satisfying the above requirement are invited to submit a capability statement. At a minimum, this information, which must be prepared specifically in response to this notice must include: (1) identification of company or organization; (2) an assertion of existing, full capability to meet proposed requirements; (3) business/contracts/marketing office point(s) of contact; (4) notification of business size and /or special status; and (5) any additional information that may be useful to the successful procurement of the requirements, if solicited. The capability statement shall adhere to a five (5)-page submission limit plus web links and any specialized product descriptions. The statement of capabilities should include only information that clearly demonstrates the respondent's capabilities, expertise, and experience to provide the requirements described in this notice. General marketing material should not be included. The NTSB prefers that companies do not submit proprietary material. However, the Government recognizes that proprietary data may be a part of your submittal. If so, clearly mark such restricted or proprietary data and present it as an addendum to the non-restricted/non-proprietary information. Information received will be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. A determination by the Government not to compete the proposed contract based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. All responsible sources may submit a capability statement, which shall be considered by NTSB. Parties must submit information within ten (10) days of publication of this notice. NTSB will not return capability statements and the supporting documentation submitted in response to this notice. Telephone responses and inquiries will not be accepted.

Anticipated Date of Award

A contract is anticipated to be issued on or around July 1, 2024.

Response Deadline

You may email questions regarding this notice to the issuing office to Kate Campbell, Contracting Officer via email at: kate.campbell@ntsb.gov no later than 4:00pm EST on June 28, 2024.