

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), Learning Resource Center, Bethesda, MD intends to procure on a sole-source basis, a software site license for calendar year 2003 and four option years through 2007 for the Science Direct Freedom Collection and the Science Direct Complete Collection from Elsevier Science of New York, NY. Each of these collections is an electronic collection of journals allowing on-line retrieval of articles and journals. The Science Direct Freedom Collection consists of approximately 1700 electronic journals with access to these titles dating back to 1995 and the site license to this collection covers the USUHS and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. The Science Direct Complete Collection allows access to specifically requested titles currently carried in print by three (3) libraries of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRICD, USAISR and USAMRIID). The Government reserves the right to add subordinate libraries or collections as necessary. This requirement has been determined to be a sole source procurement, based on the authority at FAR 6.302-1 (10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1) or 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) Only One Responsible Source, which exempts this procurement from full and open competition.

CONTRACT LINE ITEMS (CLINS) – CLIN 0001 Base Year Electronic Journals Site-License; CLIN 0001AA Science Direct Freedom Collection –USUHS, 1 LOT; CLIN 0001AB Science Direct Freedom Collection – WRAIR, 1 LOT; CLIN 0001AC Science Direct Complete Collection – USAMRMC, 1 LOT; CLIN 0002 Option 1, 2nd Year Electronic Journals Site-License; CLIN 0002AA Science Direct Freedom Collection –USUHS, 1 LOT; CLIN 0002AB Science Direct Freedom Collection – WRAIR, 1 LOT; CLIN 0002AC Science Direct Complete Collection – USAMRMC, 1 LOT; CLIN 0003 Option Year 2, 3rd Year Electronic Journals Site-License; CLIN 0003AA Science Direct Freedom Collection –USUHS, 1 LOT; CLIN 0003AB Science Direct Freedom Collection – WRAIR, 1 LOT; CLIN 0003AC Science Direct Complete Collection – USAMRMC, 1 LOT; CLIN 0004 Option Year 3, 4th Year Electronic Journals Site-License; CLIN 0004AA Science Direct Freedom Collection –USUHS, 1 LOT; CLIN 0004AB Science Direct Freedom Collection – WRAIR, 1 LOT; CLIN 0004AC Science Direct Complete Collection – USAMRMC, 1 LOT; CLIN 0005 Option Year 4, 5th Year Electronic Journals Site-License; CLIN 0005AA Science Direct Freedom Collection –USUHS, 1 LOT; CLIN 0005AB Science Direct Freedom Collection – WRAIR, 1 LOT; CLIN 0005AC Science Direct Complete Collection – USAMRMC, 1 LOT. The DELIVERABLES: Annual Science Direct site license for 12-month period beginning 1 January through 31 December of each calendar year. FOB: Destination, within 30 days ARO. PACKING and SHIPPING: N/A. WARRANTY: A standard commercial warranty shall be provided for the software. The Contractor shall extend to the Government the full coverage of any standard commercial warranty normally offered in a similar commercial sale, provided such warranty is available at no additional cost to the Government. Acceptance of the standard commercial warranty does not waive the Government's rights under the Inspection clause nor does it limit the Government's rights with regard to the other terms and conditions of this contract. FAR CLAUSES AND PROVISIONS: The provision of FAR 52-212-1, Instruction to Offerors - Commercial Items applies to this acquisition. All offerors are required to submit a completed copy of Addenda to FAR Clause 52.212-1 1) Item (b) Submission of Offers is amended to include the following: Submit your proposal, with acknowledgment of amendments (if any), software licensing agreements (if any), descriptive literature and specifications for the proposed equipment and software, and the FAR 52.212-3 – Offeror Representations and Certifications – Commercial Items, prior to an award. Telegraphic or facsimile offers are not acceptable. Period for acceptance of offers is amended to include the following: The offeror agrees to hold the prices in their offer firm for 90 calendar days from the

date specified for receipt of offers. The provision at 52-212-1, Instruction to Offerors - Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition. The provision of FAR 52.212-2, Evaluation - Commercial Items, applies to this acquisition. EVALUATION FACTORS - The following evaluation criteria are included in paragraph (a) of that provision. The contractor must be able to meet the following technical criteria which will be evaluated to determine successful offeror: The acceptable contractor (1) must be able to provide unlimited on-line/electronic access to full-text articles in the required journals in all disciplines as well as other leading scientific publishers currently residing on the platform that both institutions currently subscribe to via multiple access options including IP domain verification and Bulk Ids and Passwords; (2) must be able to provide transactional on-line access to the approximate 1700 journals available, including those journals that are currently subscribed to by each institution and not included in the collection; (3) must have copyright authority to all journals requested; (4) must have license rights must allow for on-line retrieval of journals and articles with copy capability; (5) must provide specialized customer support and 24/7 technical support/help-desk; (6) must provide up-to-date usage statistics including the most frequently requested pages and journals; (7) must participate in a program designed to enhance the usage of the database throughout the user community; (8) must provide training to the user community at no additional cost to the government; (9) must allow an option for a unique remote access that allows usage via a personal PC at any location; (10) must offer functionalities including hypertext linking, an alerting function, desktop access for the entire user community, personal journal list, direct linking between bibliographic information and full text articles; and (11) must allow for both HTML and PDF display and print capabilities and user friendly searching and browsing options. Addendum to FAR clause 52.212-2. Evaluation Factors for award: Any resulting order will be issued to the company offering the best value to the Government, price and other factors considered. Factors that will be considered are Technical capability and price. Technical capabilities are significantly more important than price. Failure to provide the information relative to each evaluation factor may render offer non-responsive. 1) TECHNICAL CAPABILITY: Evaluation of technical capability and ability to meet the evaluation factors will be based on product literature, technical features and/or warranty provisions. Each offeror is required to submit licensing, descriptive literature, or other documentation, to show how the offered product or service meets or exceeds the requirements as specified in the Specifications. 2) PRICE: Price includes software licensing, warranty costs, discount terms. Evaluation is based on best value including cost and ability to meet stated requirements above. Offerors shall submit descriptive literature detailing features, technical capabilities and warranty data. Technical acceptability will be determined solely on the content and merit of the information submitted in response to this provision as it compares to the minimum characteristics provided above. Therefore, it is essential that offerors provide sufficient technical literature, documentation, etc., in order for the Government's evaluation team to make an adequate technical assessment of the quote as to meeting technical acceptability. The full text of these clauses may be accessed electronically at this address: <http://www.arnet.gov/far/>. Offerors shall include a complete copy of the provision at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror/Representation and Certifications-Commercial Items. The following FAR clauses cited in 52.212-5 are applicable to this acquisition for supplies: 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUL 1995); 52.216-18 Ordering; 52.216-19 52.217-5, Evaluation of Options (JUL 1990); 52.217-6, Option for Increased Quantity; 52.217-8, Option to Extend the Services (Nov 1999); 52.217-9 Option to Extend the Term of the Contract (Mar 2000); 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (FEB 1999); 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 1984); 52.222-35,

Affirmative Action for Disabled Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans (APR 1998); 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998); 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Disabled Veterans and Veterans of the Vietnam Era (JAN 1999); 52.225-3, Buy American Act Supplies (JAN 1994); 52.225-13 Restrictions on certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2000); 52.225-21, Buy American Act North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act Balance of Payments Program (JAN 1997); 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer Central Contractor Registration (May 1999); 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party; 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996). Offer DUE date: April 04, 2003 4:00 pm, EDT. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL SUBMIT OFFERS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: Federal Tax Identification (TIN); Dun & Bradstreet Number (DUNS); remit to address if different; and business size. As of 31 May 1999 all Contractors must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Database as a condition for contract award. Contractors may register in the CCR through the World Wide Web at <http://www.ccr.gov>, or call the DOD Electronic Information Center at 1-800-334-3414.