

Application for Determination of Sole Source Procurement

This form, with one or more categories completed, must accompany a purchase requisition for equipment, supplies or services exceeding \$20,000. Select the category or categories appropriate for this procurement. Attach all documentation necessary to support the application. Procurements of \$60,000 and greater shall be posted to the NM Tech Purchasing website for the mandatory thirty (30) day period per NMSA 13-1-128.

Requesting Department:	NMBGMR	End User's Name:	Mike Timmons
Proposed Contractor:	Kimball Bighorse	Estimated Cost:	\$59,999.00
Product Description:	Data Services - 9 week Discovery Engagement	Date:	03/28/2025

I am requesting a sole source procurement based on the following reasons:

- Compatibility of existing equipment or supplies; provide details in *Explanation*. Include manufacturer, model number and NMT PCN of existing equipment.
- Item specifically required for use in conjunction with grant or contract. Attach applicable grant or contract page and provide justification of why it is required for grant / contract and why other substitutes are not acceptable.
- Requirement is of a proprietary / copyright / licensing nature which is explained below.
- The requested product has unique design / performance specifications or quality requirements which are essential to my work, research protocol or teaching needs, and are not available in comparable products. Please discuss this uniqueness / performance below.
- NMT Staff has specialized training and / or extensive experience. Retraining would incur substantial cost in money / time as explained below.
- I have contacted other suppliers or service providers identified below and have considered their product, however, their products / services are not acceptable because they are lacking one or more technical capabilities as discussed below.
- The requested product is essential in maintaining / continuing experiments. Other investigators have used this product in similar research and for comparability of results, I require it.
- Contractor is the sole manufacturer and sole distributor and has unique features / characteristics not available from other sources (provide explanation and attach applicable documents).
- Product is a prototype; contractor offers a trade-in allowance; availability of service, parts or maintenance as discussed below.

Explanation:

This project requires assembling a team of independent contractors of experienced, independent consultants to deliver a 9-week discovery engagement, designed to provide the NMBGMR with the insight, structure, and strategic direction needed to take its water data systems to the next level. Kimball Bighorse has unique experience in agile design of public, open-source engineering and development, product and project management, data research, content design, procurement and service design, and has a proven ability to untangle complexity, build trust across various stakeholders, and translate fragmented systems into coordinated, future ready solutions. Bureau staff have been working on this data project for over a year with a government entity that has now been discontinued and we are seeking to continue this engagement with Mr. Bighorse as a contractor.

By signing below, requestor certifies that the information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

J. Michael Timmons <small>Digitally signed by J. Michael Timmons Date: 2025.03.28 14:35:14 -06'00'</small>	Mike Timmons	03/28/2025
End User Signature (actual signature required)	Printed Name	Date
	3/28/25	
Purchasing Representative (signature required)	Date	

For use by Purchasing:

Date application received in purchasing: 03/28/2025 NMT Web Posting date: 03/28/2025 Expiration date: 04/25/2025