Proposed Sole Source Purchase Form

Pursuant to New Mexico Procurement law, the UNM Purchasing Department will post your completed form on the UNM Sunshine Portal for 30 days prior to purchase of the goods/services.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

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Proposed Vendor: CENIC  
Amount: Approx $181,943.00

Buyer Team - See Commodity list at [http://purchase.unm.edu/staff--commodities.html](http://purchase.unm.edu/staff--commodities.html)

Provide a basic description of goods/services to be provided:

The Services deployed under the WRN AGREEMENT will allow the Parties to aggregate access to internet services such as Internet2, Commodity Peering Service, etc. Such aggregation is expected to result in cost savings.

Why is this purchase needed?

For the Western Regional Networking (WRN) Agreement dated 12/1/09, the agreement establishes the terms and conditions for the Parties to jointly collaborate in a manner mutually beneficial to the Parties and on behalf of their respective members, participants, and connectors. The principal goal of this collaborations is to provide an opportunity for the Parties is to share the Services in a manner that appropriately balances the effectiveness and efficiency of subscription to, delivery of, and sharing of, the Services including the potential to reduce costs, enhance services, and coordinate participation in activities of mutual interest, such as national research and education networks and other interconnections.

II. BASIS FOR SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT. CHOOSE APPLICABLE BOX(ES) AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS REQUESTED:

- [ ] Proprietary item, technology or service only available from the proposed vendor. (Check box and describe proprietary component)

- [ ] Compatibility requirement with existing item, technology or service. (Check box and describe compatibility requirement)
☐ Renewal of support/maintenance/subscription of software, technology or other intellectual property. (Check box and describe)

☐ Other Basis for Sole Source: Please describe below:
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III. SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILS. PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED BELOW:
Describe in detail the unique capabilities of the proposed vendor’s goods/service and/or personnel performing the work and why this constitutes the only source. Focus on what is unique about the goods/service and why no other vendor could meet your needs.
Describe the due diligence made to locate other possible sources including communications with other universities, communications with similar providers, web searches, yellow page searches, review of advertisements and trade publications, etc.

Other national commercial/research networks do not provide such peering services as unique as CENIC’s peering service, such as Microsoft. In addition, caching service is provided for Google and NetFlix providing less traffic to the Internet and faster response. Time Warner or Centurylink, neither provide caching services on the peering capabilities of CENIC using LEVEL3.

List the other vendors who were contacted. Please describe the specs/qualifications/criteria that the other vendors were unable to satisfy.