**ACQUISITION PLAN**

**Can work be performed in house with available personnel and resources? If no why not?**  No. ACE is the only organization that can award college recommended credit on behalf of the American Council on Education (ACE). ACE is nationally recognized in higher education as the accrediting body awarding college recommended credits.

**Are sufficient funds available and certified?** Yes

**Can we buy this under an existing contract?**  No. There is no current existing contract for this performance period. We have had ACE contracts in past years.

**Is it better to use a new contract?** Yes, it is best to prepare a new contract since there are no existing contracts currently in place.

**Have we bought this supply or service before?** Yes. CIM SFMWR has participated in the ACE Credit review process in 1996, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Based on historical price comparison of contract # NAFBA1-14-M-0058, which was for the last ACE full accreditation, American Council on Education at a price of $37,137.00, it has been determined that the total cost of $37,116.00 quoted for the current requirement is fair and reasonable.

**Contractor used**: American Council on Education (ACE)

**Other contractors currently available**: None, SSJ completed.

**What price was paid in the past?** Not sure.

**Has there been price growth since then?** Pricing has remained relatively constant for similar services over the last several years.

**What performance consideration for these supplies or services is important to the requiring activity?** The number of courses that go through full accredited by ACE changes every other year. This subsequently changes contract pricing.

**Are any special approvals required for this purchase?** Not at this time.

**How can I best structure this procurement to prevent fraud or waste?**

Allow for variable contract pricing every other year since full accreditation occurs every other year. College of Installation Management, MG Robert M. Joyce School for Family and MWR will always continue to monitor the industry for other credentialing organizations that award college credits.

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