

Sole Source (Including Brand Name) Justification - Simplified Procedures for Certain Commercial Items

NOTE: If a Justification was approved for the preceding acquisition, a copy of the approved Justification for the predecessor action must be included in the staff package for approval of the instant Justification. This applies to Justification staff packages that are submitted for review and approval at a level above the contracting officer. The predecessor Justification will be used as a reference document by the approving official.

Is this a new or amended J&A Document? ☒ New ☐ Amended (Prior to Award Only!)

Is this a Bridge Action as defined in the [AF Bridge Action Reduction Plan](#)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Funding level for this acquisition: [REDACTED]

Contracting Activity: 21 CONS/PKB

Purchase Request / Local ID Number: TBD

Program / Project (and PE, if applicable): USSC IT Equipment (BOM 1)

Program Type (PEO or Other Contracting): Other Contracting

Authority: ☒ AFFARS 5313.501 - 10 U.S.C. 2302b, Implementation of Simplified Acquisition Procedures (41 U.S.C. 1901)

☐ AFFARS 5313.501 - 10 U.S.C. 2304a, Special Emergency Procurement Authority (41 U.S.C. 1903)

Estimated Contract Cost (including options): [REDACTED] Justification Type: ☐ Class ☒ Individual

COORDINATION ([AFFARS 5306.304\(a\)](#))

Date	Project Lead / Program Mgr / Requiring Activity McCallum W. Michael USN NIWC PACIFIC/585-668-6379	[REDACTED]
Date 17 May 2021	Contracting Officer Kory A. Koski 21 CONS/PKB/719-556-3049	[REDACTED]

APPROVAL ([AFFARS 5306.304\(a\)](#))

Date	Competition Advocate Kyle J. Hager 21 CONS/DBO/ 719-554-4835	Signature
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I. Contracting Activity.

21st Contracting Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base
Purchase Request Number: TBD
Contracting Officer: Kory A. Koski, 719-556-0232
This is a Brand Name Justification for certain Information Technology (IT) equipment

II. Nature and/or description of the action being processed.

The Government intends to acquire IT equipment in support of the United States Space Command's (USSC's) critical intelligence mission set. This will result in a new Firm Fixed Price Purchase Order for the IT equipment specified in Attachment 2 - BOM 1 Final. The estimated Delivery Date will be either 30, 60, or 90 days after contract award.

III. Description of supplies/services required to meet agency needs.

USSC requires certain brand name specific items in order to meet the strict Operation Security (OPSEC) standards set by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) on its Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System (JWICS) network. For the complete list of required items and minimum specifications, see Attachment 2 - BOM 1 Final. The required items will be used within [REDACTED] on Peterson AFB to outfit several Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIFs) to house an additional [REDACTED] scheduled to occupy the areas in [REDACTED]. The total estimated price is [REDACTED] and the expected delivery date is 30, 60, or 90 days after contract award (depending on both contractor performance, and best value to the Government). The estimated delivery date is on or before 18 August 2021.

Further, the products and specifications listed have been screened and approved (see Attachment 1 - DIA APL Signed Memo). The purpose of the APL is to provide an approved list of products that have completed interoperability and cybersecurity certification and testing for use within highly classified areas.

This process includes review by the mandatory Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) office who provides certification for each item deemed acceptable for purchase. APL products are mandated to be sourced from only SCRM approved vendors. The DIA APL and [REDACTED] so they cannot be attached to this Sole Source Justification.

IV. Statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.

This Brand Name justification is in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1901 and FAR Subpart 13.5 for actions over the simplified Acquisition threshold.

V. Demonstration that the contractor's unique qualifications or nature of the acquisition requires the use of the authority cited above (applicability of authority).

Use of various contractors is anticipated to acquire the needed IT equipment for establishment and operational development of USSC. Due to the aggressive establishment and operational development schedule, contracted equipment support is needed as soon as possible to meet mission needs. For Bill of Materials (BOM) 1, USSC personnel are scheduled to occupy the [REDACTED]. Those individuals will be unable to perform their duties if the IT equipment is not delivered by that time, and will subsequently be unable to provide [REDACTED]

VI. Description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as practicable.

Initially, a Sources Sought was posted to AFWAY and NASA SEWP in order to determine if the required sources outlined

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in FAR part 8 were able to meet the need. The Sources Sought indicated multiple small businesses had interest in the requirement, and the vendors on GSA could provide the entire list of items if they could quote the items as open market items. Since small businesses are capable of meeting the need, but not able to meet the entire list from their GSA Schedule, the Government will solicit this requirement using FAR 13.5 procedures to as many small businesses as feasible.

VII. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

Based upon our Market Research, the Contracting Officer anticipates offerors independently submitting quotes for the required items and the price will be determined fair and reasonable based on competition.

VIII. Description of the market research conducted and the results, or a statement of the reasons market research was not conducted.

In accordance with AFMAN 17-1203, Para 2.5.1, on 13 April 2021, a Sources Sought notice was posted on NASA SEWP and GSA with a close deadline of 16 April at 1500 MST. The Sources Sought posting was sent to 722 Vendors on GSA under Multiple Award Schedule Special Item Number (SIN) 33411 and 35 Vendors on NASA SEWP under the NAICS code 334111. By the close date and time, one other than small and one small business provided responses on NASA SEWP, and seven small businesses provided responses on GSA.

Although vendors were capable of providing the requirement on GSA, many of the items required were not found to be on the vendor's GSA Schedule, and therefore the majority of the items required would be provided as open market items. Even though the vendors could potentially add the required equipment to their schedules, the requirement is of such an immediate need that to do so could further delay the arrival of the mission-critical equipment.

IX. Any other facts supporting the use of Other Than Full and Open Competition.


It will be impossible to meet DIA and JWICS network capabilities without this exception to full and open competition. Further, any possible delay in the acquisition in the brand name items mentioned would potentially hinder the USSC's capability to secure the United States' competitive advantage in space operations.

X. List of any sources that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.

Cellentia Information Technology Company, Communications Professionals Inc., Klein, Walter, Doing Business, SAI Systems International, ZDAAS LLC, Sterling Computers, E-Logic, and New Tech Solutions provided written interest in this acquisition. All of the vendors are small businesses and are able to provide the required items.

XI. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required.

As a result of the stringent security requirements and the need for certifications and approvals through DIA for any equipment which interacts with a JWICS network, there are no actions available which would eliminate the need for restricted consideration. Further acquisitions will be relegated to meeting the certification requirements on the APL. DIA will review the list over time to ensure products are listed and any updated solutions are considered once they have met the certification requirements.



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XII. Certification by the Contracting Officer.

As evidenced by my signature above, I have determined this document to be both accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

XIII. Certification by the technical/requirements personnel.

As evidenced by my (our) signature(s) above, I (we) certify that any supporting data contained herein, which is my (our) responsibility, is both accurate and complete.