

**JUSTIFICATION REVIEW DOCUMENT
FOR LIMITED SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FAR PART 8**

Program/Equipment: US Army Reserve Command (USARC) has a requirement to procure software and hardware assurance for Aruba devices that support the wireless network.

Authority: Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41U.S.C. 251, et. Seq) and Title 40 U.S.C 501, Services for Executive Agencies, as implemented by FAR 8.405-6.

Amount: [REDACTED]

Prepared by: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Date: 23 Aug 2023

Contracting Officer: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Date: 23 Aug 2023

Technical: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Date: 23 Aug 2023

Requirements: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Date: 23 Aug 2023

Reviews: I have reviewed this justification and find it adequate to support limiting competition.

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LIMITED SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FAR PART 8

1. Contracting Activity: U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) Fort Liberty, 2-1731 Stiner Road, Fort Liberty, NC 28310.

2. Description of Action: The United States Army Reserve Command (USARC) requests a Firm-Fixed-Price delivery order for Annual Next Business Day ArubaCare Enterprise Support Licenses and Subscription under the Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHESS), DoD Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI), HPE, Aruba, Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA). This is a follow-on effort, and the current delivery order number is W9124720F0589. The Government projects award in September 2023 and Operations and Maintenance Reserve (OMAR) funds will be used.

3. Description of Supplies/Services: The MICC-Fort Liberty has a requirement from the USARC G6 for the purchase of the Aruba Foundation Care Licenses and Subscription for hardware and software assurance to support the USARC wireless Army Reserve Network (ARNet). The Contractor shall provide access to all feature and maintenance releases for Aruba software; Aruba Support Portal; and provide Aruba product coverage. The Aruba subscription will provide regular software and cyber updates that will protect the ARNet from intrusion and cyber-attacks. As vulnerabilities are identified, the provider will deliver the appropriate software updates. The Enterprise Support Licenses and Subscription will support ten (10) Enterprise controllers and up to 10,000 wireless intrusion detection (WID) and wireless access points (WAP) devices on the network. These devices are currently providing wireless connectivity to the ARNet where hardwire connections are not available. Utilizing wireless connections in lieu of hardwire connections provides network connectivity for Army Reserve Soldiers at a significantly lower cost than it would cost to install hardwire connections. Expanded connectivity allows Soldiers to connect to Army training websites, SharePoint, and the Internet. Wireless connectivity is a significant contributor to Soldier readiness. To support this effort USARC is requesting a base period of nine (9) months with four one-year options. The expected award date is 29 September 2023.

Base Period:	30 SEP 2023 to 29 JUN 2024	Value: \$	
Option Period 1:	30 JUN 2024 to 29 JUN 2025	Value: \$	
Option Period 2:	30 JUN 2025 to 29 JUN 2026	Value: \$	
Option Period 3:	30 JUN 2026 to 29 JUN 2027	Value: \$	
Option Period 4:	30 JUN 2027 to 29 JUN 2028	Value: \$	
FAR 52.217-8:	30 JUN 2028 to 31 DEC 2028	Value: \$	

Total Value: \$

4. Authority Cited: Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41U.S.C. 251, et. Seq) and Title 40 U.S.C 501, Services for Executive Agencies, as implemented by FAR 8.405-6 and substantiated by FAR 8.405-6(b)(1) - Items peculiar to one manufacturer. An item peculiar to one manufacturer can be a particular

brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer. A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer.

5. Reason for Authority Cited:

a. On September 30, 2020, ID Technologies was awarded delivery order W9124720F0589 under General Services Administration (GSA) contract number GS35F300DA, a Firm-Fixed-Price order for software maintenance. The award included the Aruba Foundation Care Licenses and Subscription for three years of Next Business Day ArubaCare Enterprise Support for the ARNet Wireless Access Points (WAPs) and Wireless Interface Devices (WIDs). Presently, the WAPs and WIDs are operational but cannot obtain software updates after 30 September 2023 without award of a follow-on contract for the Aruba Enterprise Support Licenses and Subscription. The requested requirement will be for maintenance and updates to the existing hardware and software originally purchased under contract GS00Q09BGD0037 in August 2014. Government networks have historically been the target of cybercrime and the danger of cyber security breaches will increase in the future. USARC must take action to minimize the effect. A large percent of breaches can be stopped by adopting sensible precautions. Updates from the Annual Next Business Day ArubaCare Enterprise Support will act as a precaution to prevent breaches and cyber-attacks.

b. The current Information Technology (IT) infrastructure supporting the ARNet utilizes Aruba equipment (appliances, controllers, and Access Points) and replacing the equipment would be a duplication of cost versus extending the licenses and subscription for continued software maintenance. Purchasing the Aruba next business day support insures complete compatibility with the current system. In addition, this product is the only one listed on the Approved Product List (APL) for use with the ARNet. Foundation Care support provides access to all Aruba software feature and maintenance releases, as well as patches and fixes, through the Aruba Support Portal. This is critical for enabling network device compatibility across the ARNet and for sustaining efficient and secure network performance.

c. The DoD Unified Capabilities (UC) APL is established in accordance with the UC Requirements (UCR 2013) document. Its purpose is to maintain a single consolidated list of products that have completed Information Assurance and Interoperability certification. Use of the DoD UC APL allows DoD Components to purchase and operate UC systems over all DoD network infrastructures.

d. Alternatives: The Aruba wireless solution currently installed on the ARNet is an Enterprise solution that it is centrally managed. The functionality of this system requires that all of the Data Center Controllers and the Edge Devices be compatible. Aruba controllers and Access Points are the only products that can be used to deliver this service across the Army Reserve facilities. The Annual Next Business Day ArubaCare Enterprise Support is specifically to support the Enterprise system. The only alternative to provide this capability would be to replace the existing Controllers and Access Points

which would not only be cost prohibitive but logistically difficult due to the Access Points currently reside in 800 Army Reserve Facilities located across the Continental United States.

e. Impact if justification is not approved: If this justification is not approved, the existing devices will not obtain software updates which will cause network interruptions and critical network challenges leaving the network vulnerable to cyberattacks that will ultimately impact the readiness of Army Reserve Soldiers.

6. Actions to Increase Competition: The items requested fall within scope of the DoD Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI) under CHES. Per AFARS 5139, all in scope items must be procured through CHES unless a statement of non-availability and ITAS waiver exist for the items or services. The items requested are available via a blanket purchase agreement from a DoD ESI vendor; therefore, this requirement will be solicited through CHES. At the end of the lifecycle for the current equipment and software, all available sources through CHES will be evaluated for replacement of the current equipment, maintenance, and support.

7. Market Research: This requirement is for IT software maintenance. In accordance with AR 25-1, Army Knowledge Management and Information Technology Management, and AFARS 5139.101(a), The Army's CHES program is the mandatory source for commercial IT purchases. CHES contracts provide IT products and services that comply with NETCOM, Army and DoD policy and standards. Purchasers of commercial hardware and software must satisfy their IT requirements by utilizing CHES contracts and DoD Enterprise Software Initiative agreements first, regardless of dollar value. Any purchase made outside of CHES contracts requires a waiver.

Based on Customer Market Research, the DoD Enterprise Software Initiative (ESI) has a BPA with EC America for Aruba products and maintenance agreements; therefore, this requirement will be solicited via CHES to the DoD ESI vendor EC America.

8. Other Facts:

Procurement History:

Contract Number: GS-35F-300DA
Delivery Order: W91247-20-F-0589
Description of requirement: Aruba annual hardware and software subscription
Method of procurement: Full and Open Competition After Exclusion of Sources
Vendor: Intelligent Decisions, LLC
Period of Performance: 30 September 2020 thru 29 September 2023
Total Awarded Amount: \$1,155,000.00
Number of Options: Two (2) Option Years
Competitive Status: Only one source
Authority: FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B)

Contract Number: GS00Q09BGD0037
Description of requirement: Aruba annual hardware and software subscription
Method of procurement: Full and Open Competition
Vendor: Pacific Star Communications Inc
Period of Performance: 15 August 2014 thru 29 September 2020
Total Awarded Amount: \$3,110,000.00
Number of Options: Four (4) Option Years

9. Technical Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which are included in the justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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USAR Facilities IT Infrastructure Manager

Date: See Digital Signature

10. Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which are included in the justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Program Manager

Date: See Digital Signature

11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the order represents the best value to the Government in accordance with 8.405-6(c)(2)(v) Additionally, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. This determination will be made by comparing the independent government cost estimate with the offeror's proposed costs.

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Contracting Officer

Date: See Digital Signature

12. Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Approval

Based on the foregoing justification, I hereby approve the procurement of Aruba Software Maintenance under Title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (Title 41 U.S.C. 251, et Seq.) and Title 40 U.S.C 501, Services for Executive Agencies, as implemented by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 8.405-6(b)(1) - Items peculiar to one manufacturer. The estimated value of the delivery order is \$2.6 million for a period of performance consisting of a nine-month base and four option years, from 30 September 2023 through 29 June 2028, and the option under FAR Clause 52.217-8 for up to an additional six months. This approval is subject to availability of funds, and provided that the services or supplies herein described have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

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