



Transportation Security Administration

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

(Cite authority, e.g., 41 U.S.C. 3304(a)(1-7))

Pursuant to the requirements of the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA) as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 6.3 and in accordance with the requirements of FAR 6.303-1, the justification for the use of the statutory authority under FAR Subpart 6.3 is justified by the following facts and rationale required under FAR 6.303-2 as follows for **JA-2023-05-0926**:

1. Agency and Contracting Activity.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Contracting and Procurement, and Administrator proposes to enter into a contract on a basis other than full and open competition.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Approved.

(a) *Nature of action:* **TSA intends to procure on a sole source basis to Crystal Gateway Marriott.**

(b) *Name and address of the contractor:* **Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3505**

(c) *Contract type:* **Firm Fixed-Price contract**

(d) *Estimated total value (including options):*

Period		Unit Price	Total
Base Period	1 Week		
		Total	

(e) *Type of funding:* **Operations and Maintenance funds;**

(f) *Year of funding:* **Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

(g) *Background information about the requirement:* **This procurement is for a commercial conference space.**

3. Description of Supplies/Services.

This procurement is for hotel conference space and AV equipment rental for a one week mission support conference for TSA.

4. Identification of Statutory Authority Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition.

The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C.3304(a)(1) implemented by the FAR Subpart 6.302-1 entitled “Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements.”

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5. Demonstration that the Nature of the Acquisition Require Use of the Authority Cited.

TSA contacted several hotels within the Washington Metropolitan area with the conference space needed for the Mission Support conference and only Crystal Gateway Marriott hotel had the space available in the timeframe required. FAR Subpart 6.302-1 entitled “Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements,” is the appropriate authority in this situation since it is the only source.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from as Many Potential Sources as is Practicable.

TSA will conduct market research each time an option exercise is due to evaluate if there is an opportunity for competition.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable.

The Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated prices will be fair and reasonable based on prior acquisition history and publicly priced analysis tools.

8. Description of Market Research.

Hotels were contacted in the Northern VA areas to determine if they were capable of providing the commercial conference space in the timeframe needed. The market research showed that only Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is large enough and able to provide the commercial conference space in the time needed.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other Than Full and Open Competition.

This requirement is for a conference room space within close proximity of TSA Headquarters. If Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is not awarded the contract, this will impact the administration’s ability to meet the mission need.

10. A Listing of the Sources, if Any That Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition.

No other sources expressed an interest in response to the synopsis posted.

11. A Statement of the Actions, if Any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome Any Barriers to Competition Before Any Subsequent Acquisition for Supplies or Services Required.

TSA will conduct research each time to evaluate if there is an opportunity for competition.

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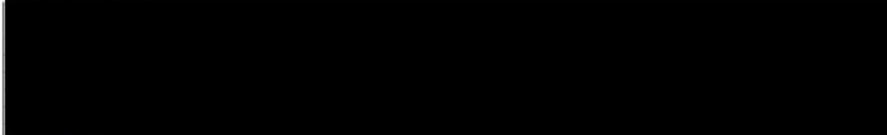
12. **Contracting Officer's Certification.** I certify that the data supporting the recommended use of other than full and open competition is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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13. **Technical/Requirements Personnel Certification.** I certify this requirement meets the Government's minimum need and that the supporting data, which forms a basis for this justification, is complete and accurate.



14. **APPROVAL:**

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