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**JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

1. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Troop Support, Construction and Equipment (C&E) Supply Chain, is the contracting activity.
2. The action being approved is the ability to solicit for supplies on an Other than Full and Open Competition basis.
3. Following are the supplies required to meet DLA's needs:

Item Description: Memory Card  
National Stock Number (NSN): 7025-01-459-0690  
Manufacturer/Supplier Part Number:  
Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (26916) - P/N 152-001478-002  
Quantity: 450 Each  
Estimated Unit Price: [REDACTED]  
Estimated Dollar Value: \$1,300,000.00

4. The applicable statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C. 1901, as implemented by FAR 13.501(a), Sole Source Acquisition.
5. The use of this authority is necessary because Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (NGC) is the only known approved source of the subject memory card that meets the needs of the Government.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This memory card is used by the U.S. NAVY, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

[REDACTED] this NSN is a modified-commercial item. Memory cards are small devices that are used to store electronic software. Memory cards come in a variety of shapes and sizes and are available for a variety of products including cameras, camcorders, mobile phones, televisions, printers, computers, and gaming consoles. All memory cards essentially function the same way, by storing software; however, different devices take different types of memory cards so the overall size and fit will vary

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amongst each device. In commercial aircrafts in particular, memory cards are used to store terrain software for autopilot features as well as used to store flight logs, fault codes, pilot communication and statistics.

The subject NSN is a memory card that stores proprietary software which operates the military's [REDACTED] NGC is the only available source that sells these memory cards pre-loaded with the specific software the Government requires. The software loaded on the card is proprietary to NGC and therefore not able to be pre-loaded onto a card by another manufacturer. This memory card is part of a [REDACTED] The modification that differentiates this memory card from commercially available memory cards is the preloaded software. This modification can be considered minor in nature.

6. The proposed acquisition will be published to Contract Opportunities ([www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov)). In addition, this J&A will be posted with the solicitation in accordance with FAR 5.102(a)(6).

7. As the contracting officer, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable based on a favorable analysis of other than certified cost or pricing data.

8. Market Research was conducted in January 2023 through a Market Research Survey provided to [REDACTED]

A Sources Sought Notice (SSN) was issued by DLA Troop Support to identify potential sources that could provide a fully qualified Memory Card. The SSN was issued on 8 February 2023 and closed on 8 March 2023. DLA Troop Support [REDACTED] to the SSN. [REDACTED] was asked to provide a Source Approval Request (SAR) package. No response was received.

9. There are no other facts supporting the use of this authority.

10. [REDACTED] firm that has expressed interest in writing in fulfilling the Government's requirements.

11. In an effort to overcome barriers to competition, the solicitation for this item will contain DLAD Procurement Notes M06 Evaluation of Offers for Part Numbered Items, and L04 Offers for Part Numbered Items, which contains instructions for submission of an alternate offer. Technical data packages for offers of alternate items will be sent to the Engineering Support Activity (ESA) for evaluation.



12. As the contracting officer, I hereby certify that this Justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

CARMEN Y. NIEVES  
Contracting Officer

I hereby certify that the requirements which form the basis of this justification are accurate, that these supplies meet the Government's needs in accordance with applicable specifications and that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Date

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I have reviewed this justification and recommend approval.

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Date

KELVIN PICORELLI  
FCE Division Chief  
Construction & Equipment Directorate

I have reviewed this justification for legal sufficiency.

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Date

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I have reviewed and hereby approve this justification.

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