

Contracting Officer's Determination Memorandum for Sole Source (Including Brand Name) for less than SAT

In accordance with FAR 13.106-1 (b) (1), for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). The determination must explain why the item or service provider is the only one that will meet the Government's requirement. Statements such as "only know source" or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are unacceptable to support a sole source purchase.

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ESTIMATED AMOUNT (over \$2,500 for services and \$10,000 for supplies, not to exceed SAT)

PANRSA-23-P-0000-001004

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:

Tool boxes to support the TPY-2 Program

CHECK THE TYPE OF PURCHASE. Provide the unique characteristics that limit availability to only one source, including the reason(s) no other supplies or services can be used to meet the Government's needs. If you are stating the purchase is mandated by law, regulation, or policy, state the publication, date, and include a copy of the publication with the package. If the request is based on unusual or compelling urgency, describe the circumstances leading to the urgency, including when the requirement became known. (*Urgency cannot be justified due to expiring funds or a lack of planning by the customer.*)

These are Automated Tool Control, ATC, modernized tool boxes.

They provide the notification of missing tools, communication of data showing which tools are being used, and automated inventory. Snap-On is the only manufacturer of optical tool inventory management toolboxes. Other manufacturers' toolboxes track via RFID. RFID tracking does not provide accountability of all tools. Toolboxes are provided with tools and toolboxes are programed to optically identify tools provided. Snap-On tools carry a lifetime warranty and will be replaced by Snap-On when tools are worn/broken during normal use.

Snap On has demonstrated their hardware and software and has gotten approval from Command and Command Security to use their software and hardware in the work areas where these will be deployed. No other manufacturer has gotten this approval.

In order to provide accurate accountability, tools must be automatically scanned optically. Snap on is the only manufacturer of optical toolboxes. Other manufacturers' toolboxes use RFID scanners or barcode scanners. RFID will not work because not all tools can physically be tagged with RFID. Barcode will not work because that would not provide adequate accountability as employees could potentially forget to scan tools when they put them into use.

Snap On provides a lifetime warranty on their tools. With this warranty, tools will be purchased once and Snap On will replace worn & broken tools.

Snap On's software is proprietary to their manufactured tools. They will only program their boxes to recognize their tools (exceptions are specialty aerospace/military tools that Snap On cannot provide).

This is a ☒ Brand Name Purchase ☐ Sole Source Purchase

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CUSTOMER

To the best of my knowledge at this point in time, the information stated above is both true and accurate.

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