

Single Source Justification (Simplified Acquisition)

Section A: General Contract Information

Is this a Bridge Action as defined in the [AF Bridge Action Reduction Plan](#)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contracting Activity: 355th CONS

Project/Program Name: Aviation Battle Vests

Section B: Description of the Supplies/Services Required

These components are a part of a whole kit specially designed for use with the system procured through DLA. Until parts are available through the Standard Base Supply System (SBSS), the Government must procure these items open market to ensure sustainability of current in-service ABAV (Aircrew Body Armor Vests).

Section C: Justification for Soliciting from a Single Source or Brand Name

The ABAV components are required to be specific to the ABAV already in use and designated as "Safe to Fly" by the MAJCOM. Due to the unique quality of the ABAV system designed for use with H-1 and HH-60 Helicopters and CV-22 aircraft, only components specific to this system from the manufacturer, Firstspear LLC., are authorized to be procured for this requirement. No other ABAV have been declared as "Safe to Fly" per the Human Systems Program Office and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 11-2. If any pieces or parts of the ABAV were to be replaced with an equivalent item, they may not be compatible with the vest currently in use and would compromise the integrity of the unit. In consideration of the agency's minimum needs and circumstances, there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the requirement can only be satisfied due to the unique supplies available from only one source or only one supplier with unique capabilities, Firstspear LLC.

Section D: Efforts to Obtain Competition

Market research yielded that there was a possibility of the Mandatory Source Envision capable of providing the required items but to avail, when a request for a quote on the item lists we have provided, nothing was ever sent back to 355 CONS. More market research was done to see if this item can be provided but these items are only manufactured and distributed by a single source with authorized re-sellers or re-distributors.

Section E: Steps to Preclude Future Single Source or Brand Name Awards

Further market research can be done through Mandatory Sources. Pursuing or doing a more intensive research with Envision can yield them to be able to fulfill this requirement. Market Research has already shown that they are capable or at least state that they are capable but when a quote was requested for the item list provided, Envision did not have a quote for the item list provided.

Section F: Contracting Officer's Determination

I have determined, in accordance with [FAR 13.106-1\(b\)\(1\)](#), that the circumstances of this contract action deem only a single source is reasonably available.