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JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. Contracting Activity.

Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Lakehurst, NJ

2. Description of the Action Being Approved.

This Justification and Approval (J&A) authorizes and approves the issuance of a four-year Fixed-Price Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract for the procurement of 600 Communications & Power Industries LLC (CPI) brand name commercial transit cases and associated hardware. The associated hardware includes 600 stacking latches, 600 lid hangers, 600 lid handles, and 1,200 lid pouches. This equipment will be procured via a limited competition between CPI and their authorized resellers. Delivery Orders will be issued on a Firm Fixed-Price basis.

3. Description of Supplies/Services.

The NAWCAD Webster Outlying Field Special Communications Mission Solutions Division has been tasked by the  to modernize the Remote Radio Secure Voice System (RRSVS), a system within the Control and Reporting Center (CRC) family of systems. The RRSVS system is transitioning from a shelter system to a transit case system as a part of the modernization of the CRC family of system. This contract will procure CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware required for the transport of the modernized RRSVS transit case system. The requested CPI brand name transit cases are lightweight, rugged cases which meet *Military Standard 810F Performance Testing* and include slide-out racks which allow access to electronic equipment. The requested CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware will allow for the required stacking and latching with other fielded CPI transit cases within the CRC family of systems.



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

41 U.S.C. 1901, Simplified acquisition procedures (Certain Commercial Items).

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5. Rationale Justifying Use of Cited Statutory Authority.

RRSVS requires a transit case and associated hardware that maintains the compatible fit and function of those already fielded with the CRC family of systems to maintain commonality and interoperability. The requested CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware are the only cases and associated hardware compatible with the previously fielded cases and associated hardware in the CRC family of systems, as they are uniquely designed to latch with other CPI cases and have a pattern molded into the case top and bottom for stacking during storage and transport. The unique latching and molded patterns of the CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware permit efficient transport of the CRC family of systems.

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Selecting an alternative transit case would require research and engineering for type of material that could withstand required conditions, redesign and technical data package of the cases' inside and outside molds, and testing to ensure compliance with required military standards of the entire CRC family of systems, including the RRSVS, and would result in duplication of cost to the Government that is not expected to be recovered through competition.

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[REDACTED] ACC would also experience a [REDACTED] delay in fielding the modernized RRSVS, which would include delays of [REDACTED] for engineering and design, [REDACTED] for qualification testing, and [REDACTED] for environmental testing.

Any delay to the program schedule in procuring the required CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware will result in a disruption to the Air Force Operators command and control environment which will ultimately have grave impacts on the mission and endanger lives of the forces.

6. Description of Efforts Made to Solicit Offers from as Many Offerors as Practicable.

Market research was conducted to identify solutions for transit cases and associated hardware, and it was determined that only CPI meets the requirements.

Further market research was conducted to identify vendors capable of providing the required CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware

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Based on the market research performed, it is the Government's intention to issue a solicitation on SAM.gov to award a single IDIQ contract for the required CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware. In accordance with *FAR Part 12, Streamlined Acquisitions for Commercial Items*, a combined synopsis/solicitation will be posted.

7. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost.

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated cost to the Government of supplies/services covered by this J&A will be fair and reasonable.

8. Actions to Remove Barriers to Future Competition.

For the reasons stated in Paragraph 5, only CPI brand name transit cases and associated hardware can meet the requirements. The Government will continue to evaluate other technologies that would allow for future competition by conducting market research to determine if there are any future vendors that have the capability to meet this requirement.