

**Use of a Single Source Below the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT)****Section A: General Contract Information**Is this a Bridge Action as defined in the [AF Bridge Action Reduction Plan](#)?☐ Yes☒ No

Contracting Activity: 60th Contracting Squadron

Project/Program Name: Alaska Small Shelter System

Purchase Request / Local ID Number: FA442723Q0093

Estimated Contract Cost (including Options): [REDACTED]

Section B: Description of the Supplies/Services Required

Travis AFB requires one (1) Alaska Small Shelter Tent System Version 2 Tan. This equipment item will be used to temporarily shelter and train airmen for real world emergency events. See Statement of Work (SOW) for further details.

AK-SS-V280C-2 Alaska Small Shelter®, Version 2, tan: [REDACTED] to include shipping.

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

The 60th Civil Engineering Squadron has a brand name training requirement for the purchase of an Alaska Small Shelter Tent System (SSS Tent) AK-SS-V280C-2. Members have a real world training requirement to be able to setup, maintain, and reconstitute the Alaska Small Shelter Tent System in accordance with their Career Field Education and Training Plan (CFETP), Attachment 2 - STS, 25.3.2. Small Shelter System (SSS) (TR: T.O. 35-E5-6-11). The Alaska Small Shelter System is the authorized small shelter system for the Air Force Civil Engineering members. The sole manufacturer of this item is Alaska Defense which only has 3 authorized vendors uniquely capable of providing this item (MJW Medical Solutions, Inc., 5MT Inc., Native Instinct LLC).

Additionally, these training tasks are designed to cover equipment that would be used in the real-world events utilizing the war reserves materials (WRM) in order to demonstrate this training capability the military members would need to execute the mission in accordance with the BEAR Shelter instruction manual 10.3.1 which outlines that this task be completed IAW T.O. 35-E5-6-11 Alaska Small Shelter System for training instruction.

Section D: Efforts to Obtain Competition

Initially a market research was conducted to search for sources that could provide the required product via GSA (GSA schedule holder Native Instinct LLC). Upon researching with Native Instinct LLC, it was decided to reach out directly with the manufacturer Alaska Defense who then confirmed that they only authorize 3 vendors for this item.

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

The approval authority AFOTEC would work with Alaska Defense and other possible providers to see if they will expand their number of approved vendors via the testing regulation of AFOTEC. Additionally, the Government will continue to see check the supply inventories of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as they were out of stock currently,



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and possible lead times for items were well out of the bona-fide need timeline.

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.

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