

General Services Administration
Heartland Acquisition Center (HAC)
Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition
Brand Name Justification and Approval - FAR 6.302-1(c)
NSN 5120-01-119-1748, Wear Sleeve Distorter

1. Identification of the agency and the Contracting Activity:

The agency making the request is the United States Army, Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), PDM MPVS (Product Manager Multi-Mission Protected Vehicles Systems) in Detroit Arsenal, MI. This tool is a specific component of the Special Tools and Test Equipment (STTE) tool fielding for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV).

The contracting activity is the General Service Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisition Services (FAS), Heartland Acquisition Center (HAC), 2300 Main St, Kansas City, MO 64108.

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved:

HAC has received a request for NSN 5120-01-119-1748, Wear Sleeve Distorter. This acquisition will use the Item Purchase Description (IPD) associated with the subject NSN which specifies a particular brand name product. This document will demonstrate that the use of this item is essential to the Government's requirements, thereby, the IPD precludes consideration of products manufactured by any other company.

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3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs, including the estimated value:

Caterpillar Inc. DBA Caterpillar Div. Caterpillar Defense
Part Number: 5P7312
Nomenclature: Wear Sleeve Distorter
Estimated Value: \$142,120 (646 quantity @ \$220.00 each)

Rationale for this action is based on NSN 5120-01-119-1748 being a specialized Wear Sleeve Distorter. NSN 5120-01-119-1748 is a brand name requirement for Caterpillar part number 5P7312. It is a unique tool specifically for the Caterpillar C7, 3314, and 3116 engines. The tool assists in the removal of crankshaft front seals and wear sleeves and is utilized for engine repair. This NSN is also associated with Drawing 19207_12627951; the drawing is categorized as Distribution D and cannot be distributed outside the Department of Defense (DoD).

The wear sleeve distorter is a component of the Special Tools and Test Equipment (STTE) tool kit specific to the M-ATV.

4. An Identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition::

The authority for other than full and open competition for the acquisition for these supplies is FAR 6.302-1(c). See FAR reference below

An acquisition or portion of an acquisition that uses a brand-name description or other purchase description to specify a particular brand-name, product, or feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer.

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:

Drawing 19207_12627951 specifically calls out only one source of supply that is capable of manufacturing the requirements of the Wear Sleeve Distorter. Caterpillar part number 5P7312 is highly specialized for C7, 3314, and 3116 engine repair (install distorter ring to remove crankshaft front and rear wear sleeves). The procurement of this brand name NSN is crucial to the military users mission success. Any contractor that is able to supply the brand name and part number specified will be able to quote.

6. A demonstration by the contracting officer that anticipated cost to the government will be fair and reasonable:

Proposed quotes will be evaluated on a Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) basis and for fair and reasonable pricing. Historical review of pricing will be used to review price reasonableness and if appropriate will also utilize the Horizontal Price Analysis utilizing the 4P-Price Point PLUS Portal Market tool can be conducted which compares pricing information for the items in line for award from several databases, including all items on the requirements listing and offered for sale through GSA Advantage, DOD EMALL, NASA SEWP and NSN data from FLIS. In addition, 4P analysis includes product, pricing and supplier data from multiple manufacturer and distributor web sites. Additionally, this solicitation will be synopsised on SAM.gov in order to maximize competition. By seeking competitive pricing it is expected to drive best pricing among all quoting contractors.

7. A description of the market research conducted and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted:

This tool was specifically used and approved as part of a verification and validation effort by Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) to create a special tool kit for field level maintenance for the rapid repair of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV).

8. Other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition:

All facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition are stated above in sections 1-7.

9. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers that led to the restricted consideration before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services is made:

There are no barriers to remove the restricted consideration, as this is an approved brand name NSN. As such, brand name justifications are required from the end-user to document and justify the use of the NSN (which this document serves as).

The drawing for this requirement is categorized as "Distribution Statement D," which means it is not authorized to be posted with the requirement.

10. The ordering activity contracting officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief:

I certify that the facts and representations under which are included in this justification and approved for other the full and open competition are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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01 December 2022

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Date

Amanda Foley
Contracting Officer

Date

11. Evidence that any supporting data that is the responsibility of technical or requirements personnel (e.g., verifying the Government's minimum needs or schedule requirements or other rationale for other than full and open competition) and which form a basis for the justification have been certified as complete and accurate by the technical or requirements personnel.

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