

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: 355 Contracting Office

Project/Program Name: Digital Wrist Altimeters

Purchase Request / Local ID Number: [REDACTED]

Estimated Contract Cost (including Options): [REDACTED]

**Section B: Description of the Supplies/Services Required**

Digital Altimeters: With the manufacturer no longer producing the Altitrack 2 altimeters or their parts, maintaining and servicing the existing altimeters would become increasingly challenging and costly. By transitioning to the ALFA digital altimeter, the 68RQS is not only ensuring continued support and maintenance but also safeguarding our jump mission for the foreseeable future.

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

The ALFA digital wrist altimeter has proven to be an exceptional choice for military personnel due to its inclusion in the United States Air Force Approved for Jump List dated 8 Feb 23. The significance of this approval cannot be overstated, as it attests to the altimeter's successful completion of rigorous testing and its adherence to the high standards set by the United States Air Force.

During the evaluation process, multiple altimeters from the AFUL were carefully considered and analyzed by [REDACTED]. Among them, the ALFA stood out as the safest option, particularly for younger and less experienced students. This decision was not taken lightly, and it was based on comprehensive presentations prepared from the technical documentation of various altimeters.

One crucial aspect that set the ALFA apart from its competitors is its user-friendly interface, specifically designed to accommodate individuals who may not have extensive experience in using altimeters. The intuitive nature of its features fosters a sense of confidence both in the students using the altimeter and in their instructors guiding them through the process.

In addition to its user-friendly design, the ALFA's replaceable battery feature was deemed ideal for the 68th. Unlike rechargeable alternatives, replaceable batteries require minimal servicing before they can be quickly returned to active use. This not only saves valuable time but also ensures that the altimeters are always in peak condition, ready to perform optimally during critical missions.

Furthermore, safety should always be a top priority, especially when dealing with inexperienced individuals. The selection of the ALFA as the preferred altimeter for this demographic emphasizes the commitment to safeguarding personnel and ensuring their well-being during training and actual missions. The ALFA's exceptional performance in meeting water resistance, back-light, and DZ offset requirements further solidifies its position as a reliable and trusted option for military use.

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**Section D: Efforts to Obtain Competition**

In accordance with FAR Part 8.002, a review of all mandatory and recommended sources was accomplished to include: internal sources, Air Forces strategic sources, Federal Prison Industries, AbilityOne, Unicor and GSA. These queries did not result in any confirmed sources that could satisfy this requirement.

We reached out to the manufacturer, Larsen & Brusgaard who after confirming that while they are the sole manufacturer of the products they are not the sole distributor. Further market research revealed multiple small businesses interested in supplying this requirement, therefore we expect that soliciting on the GPE will result in several competitive quotes

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

The goal of the 355th Contracting Squadron is to promote competition in order to ensure the Government is receiving the best value product. Market research was accomplished by the 355 Contracting Squadron Simplified Acquisition Team, Air Force strategic sources of supply, GSA Federal Schedule source and open market commercial sources, Internet searches, direct communication with the vendor, reviewing market research for similar past requirements, and contacting government sources with product experience.

**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.

Date	Typed Name and Rank/Grade of Contracting Officer	Signature of Contracting Officer
25-Jul-2023	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]