

## Brand Name Justification and Approval

### 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: 92 CONS/PKA

Project/Program Name: LRS Toolcat

Purchase Request / Local ID Number: F1X3LR3090A003

Estimated Contract Cost (including Options): \$77,100.00

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

The 92 LRS has a requirement for one (1) Bobcat UW56 Tool Cat with interchangeable attachments. The Bobcat UW56 Tool Cat is a utility work machine that will be used for different tasks such as the removal of snow and ice from airfields, sidewalks, parking lots, landscaping, and earth work at Fairchild AFB, WA.

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

The purchase and use of the Bobcat UW56 Tool Cat is necessary to meet our needs for the following reasons: The removal of snow and ice from runway lights, sidewalks, parking lots, landscaping, and earth work is a mission critical requirement at Fairchild AFB. The Tool Cat is a Utility Work Machine used for both airfield and street side operations. It meets our requirements for lifting capacity up to 1500 pounds and 7' minimum height, towing of up to 4,000 lbs, and pay load of up to 2500 lbs. Additionally, the Bobcat Tool Cat is the current brand of equipment in use. Currently, the 92 Logistics Readiness Squadron has a Bobcat 5600 Tool Cat allowing the swap of attachments between them as the attachments are proprietary to the Bobcat Tool Cat. The squadron possesses \$250,000.00 worth of attachments and implements connected to this brand. Changing brands would require an enormous additional investment to replace the existing tools. The local Bobcat dealership is six miles away from Fairchild AFB making repairs accessible if problems would arise.

#### Section D: Efforts to Obtain Competition

Brands such as Toro, Kubota and John were considered but do not feature fully enclosed models or forklift attachments. Tractors and skid steers are similar items but are limited in movement. The Bobcat UW56 Tool Cat and its attachments will allow for interchangeability of existing Bobcat 5600 Tool Cats currently on hand.

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

The attachments already purchased for the squadron's other Toolcat are incompatible with other brands of machines. Purchasing a different brand would make our on hand Bobcat Toolcat attachments obsolete. With the brand name award, we can swap the attachments between the toolcats without having to buy extra's thus saving the contract cost. The goal is to have three of the Tool Cats in use within the squadron using attachments that are interchangeable. At this time, there are no plans locally, or the command level to dispose or replace the existing Tool Cats and attachments. Future development may allow for other products to be considered. For future requirements we will continue to research all companies with similar compatibilities.

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#### 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 |
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| 16-Aug-2023 | Paul C. Blais, GS-12, USAF                       |                                  |

Approved IAW 92 CONS IOP dated: 1 Aug 22

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