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**BRAND NAME/SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION
SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS
OVER \$2,500 AND UNDER \$100,000**

Date: _____

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To be filled in by contracting officer

1. Nature and/or description of the item/service being procured and its intended use (include the anticipated cost):

The acquisition is for three Juniper SSG520M firewalls, which provide secure, reliable, encrypted, and efficient protection of the computing assets and data which comprise the enterprise-wide USMC Range Management System (RMS) from threats such as intrusion, spyware, trojans, and related types of destructive attacks from harmful entities, thereby helping to protect against unauthorized access, data loss, and interruption of services. This acquisition is in support of the existing RMS, which provides detailed information, maps, training doctrine, and tools to Marines so they can plan and conduct training exercises safely and efficiently.

The estimated value of this procurement is _____

2. Brand Name Justification rationale: The particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency's needs.

Explain below:

The SSG520M is the only product identified that meets the Government's requirement for securing, encrypting, and protecting the RMS solution while supporting an in-service modular firmware update architecture. Without an in-service modular update capability, the firewall devices would need to be taken offline and updated with a new version of the operating system anytime a patch or update was required, causing undesirable downtime of the RMS. Additional RMS requirements include the DOD FIPS 140-2 DIACAP requirement, Common Criteria EAL4, and support of X.509 PKI certificates for securing administrative access to the device. All of these requirements are met by the Juniper SSG520M.

3. Market survey. Please explain the results or why one was not performed. State whether any other offers were received or anyone expressed interest):

Comparable devices from Juniper, Cisco, Secure Computing, and SonicWall were reviewed. Products from the other vendors that closely matched the capabilities offered by the Juniper SSG520M were either considerably more expensive to purchase and maintain, were not as upgradable to support future

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needs, or did not meet all of the technical requirements and certifications necessary for the USMC RMS solution. In particular, no individual alternative solution was identified that could meet the in-service update capability, network bandwidth throughput, the FIPS, EAL4, and PKI requirements, while containing the same (or greater) number of interface ports (without the burden of expensive add-on cards) that the SSG-520M can provide.

4. If this is a determination for brand name justification, the Contracting Officer certifies:
 - a. The particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency's needs.
 - b. The anticipated price will be determined fair and reasonable using standard price

APPROVED
Date: 8/14/09