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JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

**Follow-on Software License recertification for IBM COGNOS Brand Software supporting
NAVAIR, NAS, Patuxent River, MD**

1. **IDENTIFICATION OF REQUESTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING OFFICE**

Agency Name: Naval Air Systems Command
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Contracting Activity: Naval Inventory Control Point, Mechanicsburg
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2. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED**

Recertification of COGNOS software to support ongoing NAVAIR requirements.

3. **DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES**

COGNOS is a brand of commercial software that allows for analysis, projections, budgeting, forecasting and management of enormous amounts of data.

The NAVAIR DECKPLATE Program is a multi-terabyte data warehouse that provides a single source of aviation logistics data and reporting and display capabilities. It provides “real time” flight data, supply status and all related logistics data to aviation headquarters, fleet and field activities users. COGNOS software products are used to manipulate and manage this data, provide reports, and create projection scenarios for future planning purposes. This action is an annual exercise to continue Cognos software support. The estimated total dollar value of this action is [REDACTED]

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

10 U.S.C. 2304 (c)(1) - 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. UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS:

The use of a brand name description in this acquisition is essential to the Government's requirements, thereby precluding consideration of a product manufactured by another company. COGNOS was selected as the management software for the DECKPLATE Program as a result of a competitive procurement in FY2000. Since its deployment, COGNOS software has been integrated and assimilated into all of the NAVAIR logistics applications. Only the originating software publisher COGNOS or authorized reseller is positioned to deliver proprietary updates to its software tools.

6. DETERMINATION OF BEST VALUE

The procurement of these software products and their license renewal provisions will be made in accordance with FAR Part 6.302-1 (c). There are sufficient numbers of reseller vendors to provide competition in pricing for this brand name product. A determination of a fair and reasonable pricing as required by statute and regulation will be made by the Contracting officer.

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED

There are no plans to conduct a full market product re-evaluation. The re-evaluation of the COGNOS software would require a re-evaluation of the DECKPLATE hardware platform, network connectivity, security protocols, operational procedures and training. There is no functional reason at this time to undertake a full scale evaluation of products and the mission they perform.

8. OTHER SUPPORTING DATA:

N/A

9. POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS PROCURMENT

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