

LIMITED SOURCE JUSTIFICATION FOR MAC ORDER (above SAT)

1. **IDENTIFICATION OF AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:** This is a Limited Source Justification. The requiring activity is the Commander, Naval Installation Command (CNIC); the contracting activity is the NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, San Diego.

2. **NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT ACTION:** This acquisition is conducted under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2304a through 2304d. This is a limited source action to be awarded as a new task order.

3. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUIRED SUPPLIES/SERVICES:** The proposed acquisition is to acquire and maintain continuity of service of Sprint voice and wireless data services for the Commander, Naval Installations Command direct support of CNIC mission requirements. The required period of service is October 1, 2012 through 31 January 2013, four month limited award estimated value of \$ [REDACTED]

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE AND/OR DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS:** The statutory authority which permits not providing each awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for each order exceeding \$3,000 issued under a multiple award contract is 10 U.S.C. 2304c, as implemented by FAR 16.505(b)(2) and, for orders exceeding \$100,000, DFARS 216.505-70(b)(2).

Sprint is the only vendor that achieves the requirements established by CNIC for wireless services during the period of performance of this task order as described below. Based on the following rationale, this task order should be exempt from fair opportunity consideration.

Voice and data services are being combined in order to continue Blackberry™ and Air card services from Sprint and currently distributed throughout CNIC Regions/Enterprise. Switching to another provider would not be in the best economic or performance interest of CNIC. CNIC must ensure that all devices are NMCI compliant. All NMCI regions are shutdown for processing any Move, Add, Changes to import any blackberry porting or changes in vendor. Any change to the provider requires NMCI to reconfigure all existing devices, which would take about a month to complete. Accordingly, any new vendor could not qualify its products in time to provide service beginning on or before 01 October 2012.

Further, CNIC will be combining services and will need up to four (4) months to prepare, compete and award a competitive package. (This will in turn permit more than enough time to qualify products under NMCI.)

CNIC cannot tolerate downtime. CNCIC's senior military and civilian staff as well as critical for utilize wireless services for operational support. It also provides back-up safety information. CNIC's ability to communicate without service interruption is essential to the OPTEMPO of CNIC, and is of paramount importance to meeting CNIC's mission.

Sprint continues to be the best performing carrier in many CNIC installations. Signal strength and coverage areas are major factors that determine the best value to CNIC. Service is needed in order to

support the Emergency Operations Center and Region Emergency Operations Centers. Emergencies and drills (such as Hurricanes, wildfires, terrorism drills and earthquakes) require adequate coverage in critical areas to enable delivery of emergency services.

Any service gaps to accommodate transition and NMCI processing will disrupt Navy and Marine Corps Intranet and official e-mail access. This process would leave critical personnel unable to meet their job requirements or fulfill CNIC mission requirements. The transition to new provider would require push of new device drivers and reconfiguration of the Blackberry™ and air card devices. In addition to negative mission impact, an immediate change would cause significant increase in cost for the new devices. Short-term, these costs would not likely be offset by competition.

5. DETERMINATION OF THE BEST VALUE: The contract did establish the prices for the services required. Therefore, the Contracting Officer has determined, using the procedures in FAR 15.4, that the order represents the best value to meet the Government's needs.

6. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH: The requiring activity and contracting activity have conducted the appropriate market research to support tentative award. Independent results are on file with the Contract Office. The requiring activity certifies that the requirement is justified and provides supporting documentation which is attached.

7. ANY OTHER SUPPORTING FACTS: This procurement uses IDIQ MAC and will be solicited and awarded in accordance with FAR Subpart 16.5.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO COMPETITION: All future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis. However, even with a significant procurement action lead time, the logistical process to change vendor's BB device and/or air card will be difficult to complete with a limited timeline.