



**BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION (SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS < \$150,000)
FOR NCIS INTERNAL ACTIONS**

The service or material listed on N63285-_____ (Purchase Request number) is Brand Name and competition is precluded for reasons indicated below. There are no substitutes available for this material.

*** Restricted to the following source.** Provide *original manufacturer's* name. (If a single manufacturer distributes via dealers, *ALSO* provide dealer information.)

Manufacturer: Stoney Knoll Archaeological Supplies
Manufacturer POC & Phone Nr. (207) 548-0080
Mfr. Address: Stoney Knoll, P.O. Box 493, Stockton Springs, Maine 04981
Manufacturers Dealer/Rep:

*** Description of the item or service required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date.**

10 Large, 22"x28" Double Decker Sifters, with 1/2" mesh on top screen, and 1/4" on bottom screen, with extra leg, with handles, with protective water sealing.

10 Medium 20"x26" Rocking Sifters with 1/2" mesh screen, with extra leg, with handles, with protective water sealing.

Estimated total cost of items: [REDACTED]

Delivery date estimate: [REDACTED]

*** Specific characteristics of the material that limits the availability to a Brand Name**

*** Required fields**



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The Office of Forensic Support (OFS) defined the type of sifting screens necessary to process human remains recovery sites/outdoor crime scenes in which items or bodies could be buried. Forensic Consultants (FC's) are in need of one large double decker sifting screen, and one medium-sized single decker sifting screen. The double decker sifting screen is required to measure approximately 22"x28" and have exactly ½" mesh on the top deck and ¼" mesh on the bottom deck, and the medium-sized screen is required to be approximately 20"x26" and have exactly ½" mesh. These sizes are the required sizes for the sifting screens and the mesh for sifting through dirt and debris for the OFS at human remains recovery and other scenes in which they are searching for buried items such as bullet casings, lead pieces from a trajectory, insects, personal objects from victims, and other items involved in a criminal investigation. The ½" mesh separates out dirt and larger debris and the ¼" mesh further sifts the dirt to reveal smaller items which would not pass through the mesh. The single screen ½" mesh is required for general sifting purposes.

These screens are required to be of wood construction due to its lightness compared to metal screens. The screens must have a carrying handle attached for easy transport, and must be water sealed to protect them from damage from rain and prolong their lifetimes. The screens require a third leg opposite the legs upon which the screens rest, for when the screens need to be searched by hand instead of by rocking and to easily secure the screens. This occurs in detailed searches of dirt and debris when the main dirt has been removed and some chunks and other items are left behind. The chunks must be physically pushed through the mesh screen and the sifter must be immobile. This also assists in breaking up chunks of dirt, by using one's hands to rub the dirt through the mesh. This is critical especially with wet, chunky dirt, or dry dirt that is clumped with pine needles and other brush.



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Handholds are required on one side to rock the screens and should be part of the construction of the screens.

*** Describe in detail why only this suggested brand can meet the requirements to the exclusion of other brands**

According to market research, there are several companies which sell forensic sifting screens. All were researched and it was determined Stoney Knoll was the only company able to supply all the items as needed.

Two companies, Crime Tech Forensic Investigation Products and Crime Sciences, Inc., appeared to offer Stoney Knoll products, according to the pictures and descriptions; however, the brand name was not listed as “Stoney Knoll”. Crime Tech lacked double decker sifters and limited sizes, not including the sizes needed with the size mesh screen needed by OFS. Crime Sciences did not offer the peripherals needed, to include an extra stabilizing legs and handles. None of the other companies researched, to include Trittech Forensics, Sirchie, AEO Screen, thesoilsifter.com, and Arrowhead Forensics included double decker sifters. Sirchie and Arrowhead Forensics offered metal screens, with no stabilizing structures. Thesoilsifter.com appeared to manufacture sifters for gardening soil. AEO Screen is located in Canada.

A search for sifting screens was conducted on GSA and revealed one item, Archaeological Sifting Screens Hand Sifting Screen. The screen was 12”x14” and therefore too small to fulfill the usage for sifting through dirt and debris at large crime scenes and/or at death scenes wherein the body is buried beneath layers of dirt.

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Based on the requirements set by the OFS and the market research conducted, Stoney Knoll Archaeological Supply is the only company which can supply the necessary equipment for forensic sifting screens.

*** CHECK & FILL IN ALL APPLICABLE DATA BELOW**

The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed. *Describe* the equipment you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

The sifters do not interact with any existing systems.

A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is

These are “direct replacements” parts/components for existing equipment.

Other information to support a Brand Name Buy:

*** I CERTIFY THAT STATEMENTS CHECKED, AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE, ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCESSING OF THIS BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION PRECLUDES THE USE OF FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.**

Program Office

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Acquisition Division

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Signature

Contracting Officer



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