NONCOMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION

(Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAPs) Micropurchase Threshold to $150K)

The service or product(s) listed on requisition(s) below is/are precluded from competition for reasons indicated below.

There are no suitable substitutes available.

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

Manufacturer: DRS [redacted]

Manufacturer's Dealer/Rep: Laticia Arnold

Description of the product or services required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date (products) or Period of Performance (services). The product required is the [redacted] Cable Assembly. Part number: 599534-10. The total quantity required over the two year period of performance [redacted].

Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features; function of the item; unique capabilities; facilities or special equipment; etc.). Describe in detail **why** only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources. The government does not own the proprietary design specification or drawings and associated documents adequate to allow for competition. The government has not attempted to obtain the proprietary specifications and drawings. [redacted] The urgency does not allow time for development, testing and integration of another cable assembly. It is imperative that spare components such as this cable assembly be duplicates of the component cable already fielded. Familiarity of components in contingent operations is critical and can be life saving, especially when the equipment is used for the safety of the Warfighter. The [redacted] is a critical component and one of the primary sensor inputs to the system and without the ability to interface and communicate with it would cause incalculable harm to the warfighters. DRS is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the [redacted] radars used on the currently fielded [redacted] systems. DRS is the only source currently licensed to manufacture [redacted] radars and hence the only viable source to procure spare [redacted] components that are duplicative of the cables currently fielded.

For non-personal services indicate the highly technical or specialized expertise required. Describe the contractor's workforce, methods, materials or unique management or operating systems. If it is unique because of knowledge of key individuals, what is the basis of the knowledge that another firm could not obtain the same or equivalent expertise? Could another firm obtain the necessary highly specialized experience or technical capability in time to perform the requirement? DRS is the only source currently licensed to manufacture [redacted] radars and hence the only viable source to procure spare [redacted] components that are duplicative of the cables currently fielded.

☒The required product(s) or service(s) represent(s) the minimum requirements of the Government and no other product(s) or service(s) can satisfy the need.

FILL IN ALL *APPLICABLE* BLANKS BELOW

☐The product(s) 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. [redacted] Systems that employ the [redacted] radar use the cable manufactured by DRS the (OEM) for the [redacted] and its sub-components ie. Cable Assemblies. The replacement item must connect, and interface with the existing fielded system. Incompatible parts result in a non-functional system, hence putting the safety of the Warfighter at a higher risk. OEM supplied cables provide the required compatibilty to make the [redacted] radar system functional.

☒Patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, technical data, secret processes, or other propriety data essential for contract performance limits competition. The proprietary data is: The [redacted] radar and component parts to support its function. Drawing and schematics for this cable are too considered proprietary data and not available to the Government to allow for competition.

☒These are "direct replacements' parts/components for existing equipment . These required cables are "direct replacements" for the [redacted] cables already fielded on existing equipment.

☐Other information to support a sole-source 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 SOLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION PRECLUDES THE USE OF FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.

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Based on review of the above statements and information. I concur with processing this procurement on a noncompetitive basis.

Contracting Officer Signature Phyllis J Hoggatt

Date 6/6/12 @ 1430