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.

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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: Panasonic

Manufacturer's Dealer/Rep: Smartronix

Description of the product or services required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date (products) or Period of Performance (services). Panasonic CF-19 Laptop with Smartronix Stress Relief that includes the following interfaces: VGA Out, Dual USB, serial RS-232, Ethernet and DC power. All interfaces will be presented on a single mil-style connector as the Stress Releif will have one factory style power connector for use with the desktop power supply. The laptop model is a Panasonic CF-19BHUZX1M . It DOES not have wireless capability. Salient Characteristics are available if needed. [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. Smartronix has a patent for the Stress Relief capability, designed to provide additional protection to the Panasonic CF-19 Laptop. [redacted] Smartronix has an agreement with Panasonic which allows them to add the Stress Relief to the CF-19 Laptop without voiding the warranty. The CF-19 Laptop with Stress Relief has been chosen due to the environment [redacted] It is most cost effective to the government to order these items from a company that already has the proven capability and technology to successfully build these items. If a different vendor had to design these items, not only would they not meet our desired completion date, there would be a significant cost increase.

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? Smartronix has specialized experience and technical capability in regards to the Stress Relief capability it is able to put on the CF-19 Laptop. Another firm could not obtain the patent required to do this.

☒ 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.

☒ Patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, technical data, secret processes, or other propriety data essential for contract performance limits competition. The proprietary data is: Patent [redacted]

☐ These are "direct replacements' parts/components for 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.

[redacted]

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

Contracting Officer Signature Rebecca J. Weston Date 4/28/12