

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE  
(Simplified Acquisitions <\$150K)

The service or material listed on F1D0245176G015 is sole source and competition is precluded for reasons indicated below. There are no substitutes available for this material or service.

**Restricted to the following source.** DeMoulin Brothers and Company

Manufacturer: DeMoulin Brothers and Company

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Dealer / Rep N/A

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

This contracting activity intends to award a firm fixed price for the procurement of a DeMoulin brand USAF Band Ceremonial uniform pieces, with male and female ceremonial tunics, with embroidered shoulder arc and male and female ceremonial uniform trousers. Delivery shall be made between 120 and 150 days after the contract award.

Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.).

The DeMoulin uniform currently in use was screened in a rigorous Air Force level process set by the Air Force Uniform Board Headquarters and determined to be the only uniform that would meet the needs of the USAF Band. The USAF Band uniforms themselves are unique from other Air Force uniforms, thus making it a custom purchase, and DeMoulin Brother and Company is the only source capable of providing the required Ceremonial Dress Coats and Trousers to the USAF Band.

The tunic coat is a single breasted, semi-fitted, fully lined garment with a french fly front closure and banded collar, and a four-piece back. Male coats have a special wide shoulder pattern.

Female coats have a regular shoulder. The coat hemline extends 2" to 3" below the clasped knuckles of wearer standing at the position of attention. The collar shall be lined with black. The hook and eye shall be black. A self-fabric tab shall be permanently attached under the left side so that no skin shows in the center of the collar. The collar employs a 5 layer construction with a height of 1 7/8" inches at the center back point. Embroidery: "U.S." shall be embroidered on the standing collar, located in front and centered top to bottom, placed 2" in from standing collar opening on each side. This embroidery is to be 1/2" in height and 1/2" in width. There shall be embroidery in a semi-circle pattern on the upper left sleeve cap, 3/8" in height, 1/4" in width. The special style barudan block letters shall be stitched in special Madeira Silver Metallic Thread. The embroidery shall read "The USAF Band".

All trousers are constructed of 100% polyester twill, with a minimum weight of 6.5 oz. per square yard

and conform to Purchase Description YAG 94-1, and shall be Air Force Blue Shade 1625, with special Silver Metallic Braid striping attached to side seams. The striping is centered over the outseam, not sewn into the seam. It runs the full length of the leg, including the turn up allowance at the bottom edge.

The trousers are unlined, with sewn-in front and back creases for crisp appearance. The braid, to prevent puckering must be reinforced with a non-woven pellon to give the braid striping reinforcement. Pellon to be placed on outseams inside trouser legs.

The male trousers have two hip pockets and two side pockets. The male left hip pocket has a button and tab closure. The trousers have belt loops as well as suspender buttons for comfort options. The trousers have serged bottoms and are shipped unhemmed with a 6" hem allowance for easy alteration.

The female trousers have a waistband with a 2" extended tab that fastens with one hook flex. They have regular style side pockets. The trousers have belt loops as well as suspender buttons for comfort options. The trousers have serged bottoms and are shipped unhemmed with a 6" hem allowance for easy alteration.

The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the government.

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

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

In its current inventory, The USAF Band has only the custom designed DeMoulin Brothers and Company Ceremonial Tunic Coats and Trousers. Due to its mission, The Band's uniforms must be absolutely identical to one another. Failure to procure an identical uniform would require The USAF Band to replace its entire current inventory at a cost in excess of \$500,000.

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

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These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

Other information to support a sole source buy:

The United States Air Force Band's mission, per Air Force Instruction (AFI) 35-110, 1.1- is "...harnessing the power of music to inspire immediate, positive, and long-lasting impressions of the United States Air Force (USAF) and the United States of America in the hearts and minds of audiences worldwide." To that end, it is imperative The USAF Band maintain consistent quality with respect to uniforms as its worldwide audience includes the President of the United States, the Secretaries of State, Defense, and the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and foreign Heads of State, defense and military officials, and other dignitaries. Inferior quality uniforms are unacceptable at such high-visibility

events. DeMoulin Brothers and Company provides the necessary quality and represents the minimum requirements regarding standards, quality, and consistency.