

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE/BRAND NAME SOLE SOURCE <\$150K

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A NARRATIVE MUST BE ADDED TO ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

PO Number:			
The effort listed on this form is for: (<u>please mark one</u>):	<input type="checkbox"/> Supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	
The material and/or service listed on this form is (<u>please mark one</u>):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sole Source	<input type="checkbox"/> Brand Name	

Restricted to the following source or manufacturer:

- Manufacturer/Source:
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Description of the item(s) or service(s) required and the estimated cost(s):

Item#	MFG Name	MFG Part#	Description	Qty	U/I	Unit Price	Ext Price
1			STRATFOR annual subscription	1		[REDACTED]	

*** If additional items are required, please provide on a separate spreadsheet

1. List the Required Delivery Date (RDD) or Period of Performance (POP):

PoP 1/AUG/2015-31/JUL/2016

*** If additional space is required, please attach a continuation sheet.

2. Specify characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source/brand product (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this source/brand can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources/brands.

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3. Indicate if the requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

The requested material meets the minimum requirements of the Government.

4. Indicate if the material or 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.

5. Does a patent, copyright or proprietary data limit competition?

Yes. Stratfor's analyses and forecasts are the property of Stratfor and are protected by copyright and other intellectual property laws. Stratfor's services are proprietary and unique.

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6. Are the items "direct replacement" parts/components for existing equipment? If so, provide the information about the Next Higher Assembly (NHA)/equipment which the replacement parts are going into (e.g., description, model, part number, Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), etc.).

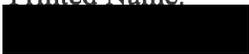
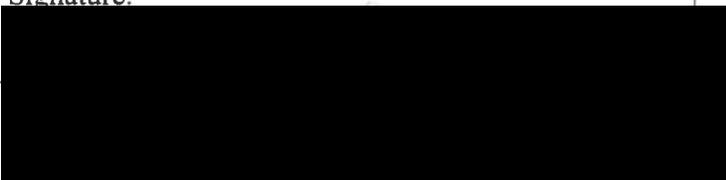
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7. Provide any additional information to support a sole source/brand name sole source procurement. The rationale must justify "either" substantial duplication of cost to the Government that is not recovered through competition or unacceptable delays in fulfilling the mission of the agency.

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TECHNICAL OR REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE 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/BRAND NAME SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION PRECLUDES THE USE OF FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.

Printed Name: 	Signature: 
Title: Electronic Resources Coordinator	

CONTRACTING OFFICER APPROVAL:

