

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

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A NARRATIVE MUST BE ADDED TO ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

PO Number: 60046		
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: Blackboard Inc.
- POC and Phone Number: 202-463-4860
- Address: 1111 19th St NW, Washington DC 20036

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
0001	COLLABORATE ADDITIONAL 500GB STANDARD STORAGE Current		Bb Collaborate Additional 500GB of Standard Recording and Pre-load Storage – Current Base Year - 9/25/16-9/24/17	1			
1001	COLLABORATE ADDITIONAL 500GB STANDARD STORAGE Current		Bb Collaborate Additional 500GB of Standard Recording and Pre-load Storage – Current Option I - 9/25/17-9/24/18	1			
2001	COLLABORATE ADDITIONAL 500GB STANDARD		Bb Collaborate Additional 500GB of Standard Recording and Pre-load Storage – Current Option II - 9/25/18-	1			

	STORAGE Current		9/24/19				
3001	COLLABORATE ADDITIONAL 500GB STANDARD STORAGE Current		Bb Collaborate Additional 500GB of Standard Recording and Pre-load Storage – Current Option III - 9/25/19- 9/24/20	1			
4001	COLLABORATE ADDITIONAL 500GB STANDARD STORAGE Current		Bb Collaborate Additional 500GB of Standard Recording and Pre-load Storage – Current Option IV - 9/25/20 - 9/24/21	1			

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

1. List the Required Delivery Date (RDD) or Period of Performance (POP): 9/25/16-9/24/17 base year plus 4 options.

*** 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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Blackboard Server Hosting is a robust, secure and scalable backup system. The architecture and strategy employed by Blackboard Server Hosting scales without disruption and provides quick access to information in backups.

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

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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

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

Proprietary Data. Products from Blackboard, Inc. are specifically tailored to work with Blackboard Collaborate.

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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.).

No replacement parts needed.

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.

Blackboard Collaborate is already in use at NPS. Procuring, installing and training a new collaborative system is not cost effective, extremely time consuming and would severely hinder the students learning environment.

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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.

