

Justification And Approval For Other Than Full And Open Competition
& Price Reasonableness Determination

Reference DOSAR 606.303-2

1. I recommend that the Department of State use other than full and open competition for thirty-six (36) Apple iPhones 11 64GB with accessories. The approximate cost is \$27,532.00

2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved.

The US Embassy Belgrade has a requirement to upgrade personnel iPhones from iPhone 8 to iPhone 11.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs.

iPhone 11 devices are required to replace outdated iPhone 8 devices. The specific brand is necessary due to the need for IOS operating system devices to ensure compatibility with existing systems.

4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.

☐ 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2), FAR 6.302-2; Unusual and Compelling Urgency; (Based on the available time and urgency of the requirement as detailed below)

☐ 41 U.S.C 253 (c) (1), FAR 6-302-1; Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services will Satisfy Agency Requirements; (Based on limitations to competition because of unique security and other requirements detailed below)

☒ FAR 13.106-1 Soliciting competition

(b) Soliciting from a single source. (1) For purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold.

(i) Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization).

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited (for sole source acquisitions; also required for unusual and compelling urgency where more than one offer will not be solicited).

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Apple iPhones are the only devices operating on the IOS operating system.

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable. The description should include whether a FedBizOpps notice was or will be publicized, as required by FAR 5.2, and if not, which exception under FAR 5.202 applies (e.g., blanket waiver provided in DOSAR 605.202-70).

A FedBizOpps notice was not publicized because the value of the purchase order is below the WTO threshold and in accordance with the blanket waiver provided in DOSAR 605.202-70.

7. A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

The anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable based on adequate competition which will be obtained through competing the requirement.

8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted.

It was determined through market research that there are multiple potential suppliers of the required devices which provide full warranty and service coverage of the products on the local market.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.

None.

10. A listing of sources, if any that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition

None.

11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.

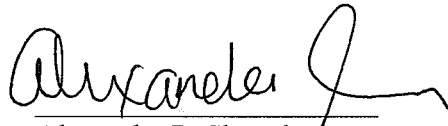
GSO Procurement will continue to monitor the market and compete all its requirements in accordance with the FAR.

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CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that the information in this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

6/30/2022
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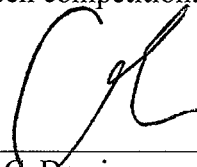


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I certify that this justification is accurate and contains complete data necessary to support the recommendation for other than full and open competition.

30 JUN 2022

Date:



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