NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE
OR BRAND NAME

PICK ONE

Sole Source:
☒I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate with MTS only for service, maintenance and repair of existing MTS equipment and systems. The total estimated cost of this effort is [redacted] and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is extension of service contract to 08.15.2027.

OR

Brand Name Justification:
☐I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate with only with vendors who can provide the subject band name from Manufacture Name for Enter Supply or Service to be procured. The total estimated cost of this effort is Enter Dollar amount and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is Date.

This recommendation is for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source/only one manufacture. Competition is impractical for the following reasons (please answer the questions below):

1. **What are the reasons for soliciting only the suggested source/suggested brand name?** Please provide the unique characteristics of the items or services along with the supporting rationale and the market research performed to substantiate your reason for the suggested source/brand name.

   Maintenance, repair, service, and replacement parts are needed for MTS testing equipment located in the structures and materials laboratories (buildings 1205 and 1148) within the Research Directorate for the Durability Damage Tolerance and Reliability Branch (DDTRB), Advanced Materials and Processing Branch, and the Structural Mechanics & Concepts Branch (SMCB). MTS equipment is critical to ongoing work in the lab. Re-installation, calibration, annual service, and repair are needed on this equipment distributed across both buildings and all organizations to maintain a necessary operational readiness level. Due to the complexity, need for manufacturer-specific parts, knowledge of equipment, need of warranty, MTS is the only source for these services when repairing and servicing MTS equipment.

2. **What is the impact to the government if another vendor/brand is used?** Include any dollar, schedule, or compatibility impacts if possible.

   Using a vendor other than MTS will affect schedule of planned work, cause possible loss of operation of the equipment and require a postponement of project and critical flight testing activities.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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Technical User Name **Date**