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JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE AIRCREW INTEGRATED RECOVERY SURVIAL ARMOR VEST AND EQUIPMENT (AIRSAVE) NAVY VESTS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2)

1. Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Troop Support, Clothing and Textiles (C&T) Supply Chain, is the contracting activity.

2. The action being approved is the ability to solicit for DLA requirements on an Other than Full and Open Competition basis.

3. The following items are required to meet DLA's needs:

   Item: Survival Vests CMU-33P & CMU-36P (Legacy AIRSAVE)
   National Stock Number (NSN)(s): 8415-01-568-9793 and 8415-01-568-9791
   Quantities: CMU-33P: 600 each; CMU-36P: 3,000 each
   [redacted]
   Number of Options: N/A
   Maximum Total Dollar Value: [redacted]

4. The applicable statutory authority permitting Other than Full and Open Competition is 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2), as implemented by FAR 6.103-2, Unusual and Compelling Urgency.

5. The NAVAIR Fleet Support Team (FST) within the Naval Aircrew Systems Program Office (PMA-202) Aviation Life Support Systems (ALSS) notified DLA Troop Support in October 2025 of a mandated change in training uniform configuration regarding the currently used PCU-78 Series Parachute Restraint Harness Assembly (PCU-78) for a configuration combination change to the CMU-36P Survival Vest (CMU-36P)/PCU-56 Parachute Restraint Harness Assembly (PCU-56). The configuration combination change results in a faster release and rescue ejection from aircraft as a result of a greater ease of movement during emergency egress. Additionally, the configuration combination change provides the ability to attach a rescue strobe. The PCU-78 is more cumbersome during emergency escapes which, when compared to the CMU-36P and 33P/PCU-56 configuration combination, poses an increased risk of physical harm during emergency egress. The CMU-36P includes the rescue strobe, which increases aid and assistance during search and rescue and is currently unconfigurable to the PCU-78 harness.

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   The planned acquisition quantity of 3,000 each for the CMU-36P represents the additional unforeseen demand resulting from PMA-202's change in end item mandated usage, as well as eight (8) months of demand needed to maintain Navy pilots in the air. The planned acquisition quantity of 600 each for the CMU-33P represents the minimum requirements to meet the Navy's unforeseen demand, as well as eight (8) months of demand to maintain Navy pilots in the air.

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Contract SPE1C1-22-D-1551 with Weckworth Manufacturing Inc. [redacted] for both the CMU-33P/CMU-36P, [redacted] To support the Navy with these vests, an urgent fixed quantity procurement directed to Weckworth Manufacturing Inc. is in the Government's best interest. Weckworth Manufacturing Inc. is the only ESA-qualified source currently producing these items that will provide uninterrupted deliveries of these critical items for the Navy without having to undergo new First Article Testing qualification. The CMU33P & CMU36P vests are critical safety, go-to-war items. [redacted]

The follow-on solicitation for the sustainment requirement for these vests (SPE1C1-25-R-0088) has been published with an anticipated closing date of February 20, 2026, and a target award date of June 2026. The current lead-time is 300 days after award, thus creating a gap in deliveries. [redacted] his contract will also allow DLA Troop Support to ensure compliance with the Department of War's directive to prioritize warfighter lethality.

6. In accordance with FAR 6.301(b)(1), this Justification will be made publicly available within thirty (30) days after contract award as it is being issued under the authority of FAR 6.103-2. The follow-on acquisition under solicitation SPE1C1-25-R-0088 will allow offerors to submit proposals that meet the Government's technical requirements, while affording the subsequent awardee with the contract vehicle to qualify their product with the ESA.

7. As the contracting officer, I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable based on a price analysis, including favorable comparison to previously awarded prices which were based on adequate price competition. If necessary, other than certified cost and/or pricing data will be requested from Weckworth Manufacturing Inc. to determine prices to be fair and reasonable.

8. Due to the urgency of this procurement, market research was limited to Weckworth Manufacturing Inc., as the only approved manufacturer for purposes of estimated pricing, monthly quantities, and production lead time. [redacted]

9. The Navy's need for the CMU-33P & CMU-36P (Legacy AIRSAVE) is of such unusual and compelling urgency [redacted] unless DLA Troop Support is permitted to limit the number of sources from which it solicits bids or proposals. This contract will allow DLA Troop Support to ensure compliance with the Department of War's directive to prioritize warfighter lethality. There are no further facts supporting the use of Other Than Full and Open Competition.

10. For reasons described above, only Weckworth Manufacturing Inc. has been contacted and has expressed interest in this acquisition in writing.

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11. DLA Troop Support C&T is actively working on the follow-on, full and open competition acquisition for Survival Vests CMU-33P & CMU-36P under solicitation number SPE1C1-25-R-0088.

12. As the contracting officer, I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2/23/26

Date

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MARIA C. AGUAYO
Contracting Officer

I hereby certify that the requirements which form the basis of this justification are accurate, that these supplies meet the Government's needs in accordance with applicable specifications and that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2/23/26

Date

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LEIGH ANNE CROUTHAMEL
Supervisory Quality Assurance Specialist

I have reviewed this justification and recommend approval.

Date

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