Office of the Procurement Executive
U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION NOT EXCEEDING THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISTION THRESHOLD

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

Department of State Contracting Activity	☒ Overseas Post US Embassy Rabat
Requiring Activity	Fireworks display

SECTION 2: NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED

Approval is requested to award on a sole source basis to CADEX SA (Compagnie Africaine Des Explosifs) located at Lotissement la Colline, Immeuble « Les Quatres Temps » Porte A - 5ème étage - Sidi Maarouf - Casablanca 20190 - Maroc for the supplies and/or services described in Section 3 on behalf of the Requiring Activity.

SECTION 3: DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

The requirement is to provide the supply and implementation of a fireworks display at the Challa (Chellah) site in Rabat. The estimated value for the entire period of performance is DH 240,000.00 (including 20% VAT). These services require that the contractor furnish a comprehensive pyrotechnic package for the June 9, 2026 event, which includes: Obtaining import authorizations from France. Transport of pyrotechnic products from the airport to the CADEX Factory. Artistic and pyrotechnic design. Supply of pyrotechnic equipment. Liability insurance. Obtaining local authorizations. Execution of the fireworks display. This will allow the US Embassy Rabat to accomplish its mission objective of hosting a secure and high-profile diplomatic event.

SECTION 4: IDENTIFICATION OF THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

In accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.106-1(b)(1), the Contracting Officer has deemed only one source reasonably available based on the following:

☒ Other: The vendor possesses unique technical and logistical capabilities and specialized experience navigating regulatory requirements for restricted archaeological sites.

SECTION 5: DEMONSTRATION THAT THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS OR THE NATURE OF THE ACQUISITION REQUIRES USE OF THE AUTHORITY CITED

CADEX SA possesses unique qualifications that necessitate the use of this authority. The performance location, the Chellah archaeological site, is a sensitive UNESCO World Heritage site with extreme restrictions regarding explosives, vibrations, and fire safety.

CADEX SA has a demonstrated history of providing pyrotechnic services at this specific site, giving them a unique understanding of the logistical constraints required to protect the site's structural integrity. Most critically, they are the only provider capable of managing the complex international and local regulatory chain required for this event, including:
Securing specialized import authorizations from France.
Managing the secure transport and factory storage of explosives within Morocco.
Navigating the rigorous local authorization process required by Moroccan authorities for explosive use at a protected historical landmark.
Entrusting this highly visible event to a vendor without CADEX SA's proven track record at Chellah would present an unacceptable risk of permit denial or safety failure, which would severely compromise the quality and security of the Embassy's diplomatic celebration.

Market Research:
Market research was conducted to identify suitable pyrotechnic vendors within Morocco capable of performing at a protected UNESCO archaeological site. The results are as follows:
Vendor Availability: CADEX SA is widely recognized as the only local provider with the specific industrial and logistical capacity to handle the import of pyrotechnic products from international sources (France) and secure their transport to a specialized facility.
Permitting Expertise: Due to the extreme safety and conservation restrictions at the Chellah site, the contractor must have an established rapport with Moroccan civil and military authorities to obtain explosive implementation permits.
Results: No other suitable vendor in Morocco was identified that could provide the comprehensive insurance, international logistics, and proven safety record required for a high-profile diplomatic event at a restricted national monument.

SECTION 6. DETERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT THE ANTICIPATED COST TO THE GOVERNMENT IS FAIR AND REASONABLE

By signing the justification, the Contracting Officer makes a determination that the price to the Government of DH 240,000.00 is anticipated to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with previous commercial rates for high-scale pyrotechnic performances at specialized historical sites.

SECTION 7. CERTIFICATIONS

All reviews and approvals should be completed in the order listed unless otherwise authorized or required.

REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this Justification and its supporting acquisition planning documents, except as noted herein, are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Requirements Cognizance:
SIGNATURE:

Brendan Magnuson _____ 5/6/26 _____

Brendan Magnuson
Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer
Public Affairs Office

Date

CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION
I certify that this submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that it contains complete information necessary to enable other officials to make an informed recommendation for approval or disapproval.

SIGNATURE:

Marc H Hildwein _____ Digitally signed by Marc H Hildwein
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Marc Hildwein
Contracting Officer
US Embassy Rabat

Date