SINGLE-SOURCE JUSTIFICATION NOT EXCEEDING THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

Department of State Contracting Activity	☐ Office of Acquisitions Management ☐ Foreign Service Institute ☐ Office of Foreign Missions ☐ U.S. Mission to the United Nations ☒ Overseas Post Lima Peru
Requiring Activity	Single-source justification for the acquisition of software licenses and support

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

Approval is requested to issue a sole-source purchase order to [redacted] for the minimum number of licenses identified in Section 3 in support of the DEA Lima Country Office (LCO).

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

The DEA Lima Country Office (LCO) requires immediate renewal of [redacted] software licenses to restore a mission-critical capability [redacted]

DEA currently has no active software license [redacted] As a result, a critical component of DEA operations has been suspended. Without immediate renewal of [redacted] licensing, [redacted].

The full operational requirement is two (2) [redacted] licenses and four (4) standard [redacted] licenses. To address the immediate operational gap while preserving competition to the maximum extent practicable, this single-source action is limited to the minimum capability required to resume core operations: one (1) [redacted] license and one (1) [redacted] license. DEA will simultaneously pursue full and open competition, to the extent practicable, for the remaining four (4) licenses needed to meet the office's long-term requirement.

[redacted]. The estimated value of this immediate minimum requirement is $**99,995.99**.

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 determined that only one source is reasonably available because the requirement involves proprietary licensing necessary to maintain and reactivate the Government's existing [redacted] platform, and immediate renewal is required to restore suspended operational capability.

☐ Urgency
☒ Exclusive licensing agreements
☐ Brand-name
☐ Industrial mobilization
☐ Other

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

The DEA Lima Country Office requires immediate renewal of [redacted] subscription licenses from [redacted] because the requirement is tied to a proprietary platform, exclusive licensing arrangements, existing Government-owned [redacted] hardware, and the need to restore suspended investigative operations.

1. Urgency and Operational Impact
DEA currently has no active [redacted] software license [redacted]

This licensing gap has interrupted a key DEA operational function. [redacted]

This single-source request is narrowly limited to the minimum capability required to resume core operations: one (1) [redacted] license and one (1) [redacted] license. This limited purchase will restore [redacted] capability while DEA simultaneously pursues full and open competition, to the extent practicable, for the remaining four (4) licenses needed to meet the full operational requirement.

2. Brand-Name and Proprietary Hardware/Software Requirement
[redacted] is the only viable tool currently available to DEA Lima [redacted]. The platform is proprietary and depends on integrated software, licensing, and hardware components. DEA already owns the associated hardware and has trained personnel using it in operations.

Replacing [redacted] at this time would require acquisition of new hardware and implementation of a new technical architecture. Hardware replacement alone is estimated at $20,000.00, and procurement and delivery would take approximately six (6) to ten (10) weeks. That timeline is not practicable given the current operational interruption [redacted]

[redacted] Alternative tools would not permit immediate use of DEA's existing hardware, would require additional procurement and delivery time, and would require revalidation, configuration, and retraining before operational use. Those delays would defeat the purpose of this acquisition.

3. Proprietary System Integration and Exclusive Licensing

The [redacted] platform is a proprietary, closed-architecture system, and [redacted] is the authorized source for the required subscription renewals, licensing, updates, and technical support. These licenses are necessary to continue using existing DEA-owned [redacted] hardware and software. No other vendor can provide the specific licensing required to activate and support the current [redacted] system within the timeframe necessary to meet DEA's operational requirement.

Competing this immediate minimum requirement is not practicable because DEA would have to suspend the current platform, acquire and deploy alternative hardware and software, reconfigure its digital forensic workflow, validate a new tool [redacted], and retrain [redacted] personnel before operations could resume. That process would exceed the timeframe permitted by the operational requirement.

4. Protection of Prior U.S. Government Investments

DEA has invested substantial resources in [redacted] hardware, software, training, workflow development, and operational integration [redacted]. Transitioning to a new vendor would require duplicative hardware purchases, additional training, new technical procedures, recertification or revalidation of workflows, and operational downtime. Maintaining the current platform for this immediate minimum requirement preserves prior U.S. Government investment while allowing DEA to compete the remaining license requirement.

5. Preservation of Bilateral Law Enforcement Partnerships and Evidence Timelines

[redacted] supports joint investigative work with Peruvian counterparts. [redacted]

[redacted]

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

The Contracting Officer has determined that the anticipated cost of **$99,995.99** is fair and reasonable based on market research, technical capability comparisons, the operational requirement, and the fact that this single-source action is limited to the minimum number of licenses necessary to restart core DEA operations.

This acquisition is not intended to satisfy DEA Lima's full long-term licensing requirement. The full requirement is two (2) [redacted] licenses and four (4) standard [redacted] licenses. This action covers only the minimum operational bridge requirement of one (1) [redacted] license and one (1) [redacted] license. DEA will simultaneously pursue full and open competition, to the extent practicable, for the remaining four (4) licenses.

The proposed price is reasonable because the requested licenses will restore immediate use of Government-owned [redacted]

hardware and avoid the substantially greater cost and delay associated with replacing that platform. Replacement hardware is estimated at $20,000.00 and would require several weeks for procurement and delivery, excluding installation, validation, training, and workflow transition. Those additional costs and delays would be disproportionate to the immediate requirement and would leave core investigative operations paused.

Although other cellular extraction tools may exist, they do not meet the immediate requirement [redacted] Any alternative would require new hardware, new licensing, user retraining, evidentiary validation, and operational transition. Any nominal savings from competing this immediate minimum requirement would be outweighed by the cost of operational downtime, loss of investigative continuity, reduced forensic reliability, and increased risk to active casework.

Given the proprietary nature of the technology, the lack of an active license [redacted], the existing DEA-owned hardware, and the need to restart paused core operations without delay, the proposed cost is reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of the Government.

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:

EMILIA FERNANDEZ Digitally signed by EMILIA FERNANDEZ Date: 2026.05.22 09:25:59 -05'00'

Robert M. Grayson **Date**
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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.

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Patrick H. McElroy **Date**
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