JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION
SPRDL1-25-R-0074

1. Contracting Agency: Defense Logistics Agency - Land Warren (DLA-WRN).

2. Description of Action: DLA proposes to award a New Firm-Fixed-Price contract to Blanchard Machinery Co, Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) 8E469, or an offeror providing the product of the approved source for National Stock Number (NSN) 2520-01-665-9743, Purchase Request Order Number EH4C1024EH Transmission with Shipping and Storage Container, using Army Working Capital Funds.

3. Description of Supplies/Services: The Transmission with Shipping and Storage Container, NSN 2520-01-665-9743, using part number or Kit 57K8954, is used on the M1272 Buffalo. The deliverable for this contract is for a base quantity of 9 each, with an option quantity of 9 each, making a total quantity of 18 each. The total maximum value of this contract is [redacted].

Acquisition Method Code (AMC):
4 - Acquire, for the first time, directly from the actual manufacturer.

Acquisition Method Suffix Code (AMSC):
R - The Government does not own the data or the rights to the data needed to purchase this part from additional sources. It has been determined to be uneconomical to buy the data or rights to the data. It is uneconomical to reverse engineer the part.

4. Authority Cited: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition for this effort is 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 3204(a)(1) as implemented by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.302-1 Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements.

5. Reason for Authority Cited:

The Government does not own the necessary intellectual property data rights to the pertinent technical data to enable competitive re-procurement.

The Buffalo Mine-Protected Clearance Vehicle M1272 (Buffalo) part number, Kit 57K8954, CAGE 19207, includes a shipping and storage container, part number 12575012 (NSN 8145-01-673-4345), CAGE 19207, and a transmission, Caterpillar Inc. part number 362-0711 (NSN 2520-01-651-0199), CAGE 11083. The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for the Buffalo was Force Protection which was acquired by General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS), CAGE 1EFH8. The transmission, NSN 2520-01-651-9743, was supplied to GDLS by Caterpillar Inc. (Caterpillar), part number 362-0711. Ground Vehicle Systems Center (GVSC) Vehicle Sustainment engineer contacted GDLS who advised the transmission is no longer in production and therefore no longer supported by GDLS. However, DLA contacted

[redacted]

Caterpillar and confirmed new transmissions will be manufactured to support this request.

In all cases, with the exception of new transmissions directly from Caterpillar, the Government needs to provide cores to rebuild the transmission.

Since the Government does not have the pertinent technical data to enable competitive procurement of new transmissions, reverse engineering is required for the Government to develop a complete technical data package (TDP) for full and open competition.

Based on the above findings, GVSC engineering does not recommend development of a TDP for the Buffalo transmission. GVSC engineering recommends procurement from Caterpillar, the transmission manufacturer.

6. Efforts to Obtain Competition:

a. Effective competition: Due to the reasons cited in section 5 above we are limiting the competition to the sources cited in section 2 above. Notices required by FAR 5.201 will be posted.

b. Subcontracting competition: Unless the contract is awarded to a small business, the solicitation and resulting contract will include FAR clauses 52.219-8, "Utilization of Small Business Concerns"; 52.244-5, "Competition in Subcontracting"; 52.219-16, "Liquidated Damages--Subcontracting Plan";" and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 252.219-7003, "Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts)," to maximize small business opportunities and utilization.

7. Actions to Increase Competition: There are no plans to increase competition for future procurements due to the reasons cited above.

8. Market Research: The Contract Specialist posted a Sources Sought Notice on SAM.gov from February 19, 2025, until March 06, 2025, to possibly increase competition.

GVSC engineer researched known transmission suppliers to rebuild the transmission. The following companies were contacted by GVSC sustainment engineer. All confirmed their ability to supply rebuilt transmissions.

Red River Army Depot (RRAD)
[redacted], Equipment Specialist
Email [redacted].

Blanchard Machinery Co (Blanchard), also known as Blanchard Cat
CAGE 8E469
Spec Shop
Phone [redacted]
http://www.blanchardmachinery.com.

Ohio CAT
[redacted]
[redacted]
CAGE 4BPD4, not active in Haystack.

Michigan CAT
[redacted], Shelby Township,
Phone [redacted].

Sources sought notice and market surveys that were also sent out produced two responses.

Caterpillar Defense
[redacted], Aftermarket and Service Sales Manager
Email: [redacted]

Mobile Phone: [redacted]
CAGE 11083

Carter Machinery
[redacted]
Business Development – Government / Military
Mobile: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
CAGE 1EX21

9. Interested Sources: To date additional sources have expressed interest as listed above in Section 8.

The Contract Specialist posted a Sources Sought Notice in SAM.gov from February 19, 2025, until March 06, 2025, to possibly increase competition. One company that expressed interest in this requirement Carter Machinery (CAGE 1EX21). The company stated they have to the ability to rebuild being a Caterpillar (CAT) distributor, but they have not gone through the source approval process.

10. Other Facts: Procurement History:

There is no procurement history.

11. Technical Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which is included in the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: [redacted]
Title: Branch Chief - Engineering
Signature:

6/17/2025

X [redacted]

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12. Requirement Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which is included in the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: [redacted]
Title: Branch Chief - Procurement

Signature:

6/17/2025

X [redacted]

13. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. This determination will be based on the results of a detailed cost and/or price analysis. The contractor will not be required to submit certified cost or pricing data as this item has been determined to be a commercial product/service.

Name: Drake Martinez
Title: Contracting Officer
Signature:

6/17/2025

X Drake Martinez

Signed by: MARTINEZ.DRAKE.GREGORY [redacted]

14. Contracting Officer Certification: I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Drake Martinez
Title: Contracting Officer
Signature:

6/17/2025

X Drake Martinez

Signed by: MARTINEZ.DRAKE.GREGORY [redacted]