CLASS JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL (J&A)
FOR USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of the Navy, Military Sealift Command (MSC) Norfolk

2. **Description of the Action Being Approved:** Award modifications under contract N3220526C1226, for the Regular Overhaul Drydocking Availability of the USNS LARAMIE (T-AO 203), to Alabama Shipyard (ASY), incorporating work items needed to comply with regulatory requirements. The contract was awarded for $18,205,703.00 on the basis of adequate competition.

3. **Description of Supply Services:** To accomplish the work items detailed in the enclosure, which are needed to comply with regulatory requirements of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, and American Bureau of Shipping. The total estimated dollar value for all such work items is [redacted] which will be funded utilizing fiscal year 2026 Operations and Maintenance, Navy (O&M,N) funds. The authority to act under this Class J&A expires one year after the date on which it is approved by the Competition Advocate.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition:** 10 U.S.C 3204(a)(2) Unusual and compelling urgency.

5. **Rationale Justifying Use of Cited Authority**

   a. The contracting activity competitively awarded the contract consisting of 122 work items on February 26, 2026, with a period of performance of April 20, 2026 through July 29, 2026. Revised period of performance is now April 23, 2026 through August 01, 2026.

   b. The U.S. Coast Guard and/or American Bureau of Shipping along with the vessel's crew and ashore personnel identified deficiencies requiring repair prior to the vessel's departure to comply with Safety Management System objectives, attain Operational Availability, and maintain vessel configuration.

   c. Competitively soliciting these work items is not feasible as it would delay returning to a mission-ready posture since award of a procurement package of this magnitude will require a procurement action lead time of 381 days plus the time to accomplish repairs. The vessel's per diem rate is $210,167.00 per day, which is the estimated losses to the Government for each day of delay. Additionally, given the vessel's current status with interferences removed, staging installed, and equipment open for inspection, this is the most cost-effective opportunity for maintenance and repairs.

6. **Description of Efforts Made to Solicit Offers from as Many Offerors as Practicable**: The pre-solicitation notice was posted on the Government Point of Entry website (sam.gov) on September 23, 2025, and the award notice was posted on February 26, 2026. For reasons set forth in Paragraph 5, this particular requirement is not presently a candidate for full and open competition.

7. **Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost**: The Contracting Officer has determined the anticipated cost to the Government of the supplies/services covered by this J&A will be fair and reasonable IAW FAR 15.404-1(b)(5).

8. **Actions to Removed Barriers to Future Competition**: The Government expects to obtain a technical data package or develop a performance specification that will support competition for future acquisitions of the same or similar items.

CERTIFICATION AND APPROVALS

Technical/Requirements Cognizance:

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.

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Contracting Officer Certification:

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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