United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)

Justification and Approval (J&A)

Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition (J&A)

Authority: (10 U.S.C. 3204, as implemented by FAR 6.302)	
Project/Program Name: SOFAMT Bridge Action Component/PEO/Other: 905th CBN Estimated Contract Cost (including options): [redacted] J&A Basic Value: [redacted] Type J&A: (Individual ☒ or Class ☐)	J&A No. 4239 - 26 Generated when entered in log (J&A Log - New Item (sharepoint-mil.us))

1. Agency and Contracting Activity: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(1))

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905th Contracting Battalion

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2. Description of Action: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(2)) **Bridge Action** (Yes ☒ or No ☐)

The 905th Contracting Battalion requests approval to award a firm-fixed-price, short-term bridge contract to [redacted] This action is required to maintain the current Period of Performance (POP) that is ongoing from 6 April 2026 to 12 June 2026. The Contracting officer issued a Notice to Proceed (NTP) on 26 March 2026 with intent to issue the first task order of off contract award H92421-26-D-E001. Performance began on the NTP with a date of 6 April 2026, and was subsequently halted on 15 April 2026 by a Stop Work Order issued by the Contracting Officer. The Stop Work Order is a result of a protest filed by [redacted]

The competitive acquisition (Award No. H92421-26-D-E001) was awarded on 25 March 2026 to a non-incumbent. On 10 April 2026, the non-selected vendor for award [redacted] filed a timely protest with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), triggering an automatic stay of performance under the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA). The base year of IDIQ award H92421-26-D-E001 expires on 26 March 2027. This bridge contract will provide services until the GAO protest is resolved (anticipated by July 2026).

3. Description of Supplies/Services: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(3))

This bridge contract aims to provide Special Operations Forces Austere Medical Technician (SOFAMT) training in accordance with [redacted] Surgeon Cell Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and guidance of the medical skill set. The [redacted] GX, Special Operations Forces Austere Care Course (SOFACC) cadre, shall exercise supervision and control over the contract service providers performing the services herein. Such contract service providers shall be accountable solely to the Contractor who, in turn is responsible to the Government. The course is nine weeks long and consists of two phases, Phase 1 is Distance Learning (DL) and Phase 2 is Resident. Phase 1 (DL) will consist of six weeks of contractor-provided National

Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic (NREMT-B), Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS), Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) online DL computer-based training. Phase 2 (Resident) is three weeks of classroom/didactic-driven instruction and certification testing in NREMT-B, AMLS, and PHTLS. During phase 2 the course progresses through tactical, clinical, and prolonged field care medicine scenarios. The training consists of clinical medicine, [redacted] emergency care, prolonged field care (PFC) instruction, role player clinical scenarios, and multiple PFC exercises. SOFAMT attendees will familiarize themselves with private sector and Department of War (DOW) health service support systems IOT improve their MEDEVAC/CASEVAC planning capabilities. SOFAMT-qualified service members and SA teams have demonstrated (and reported) that their training enabled them to mitigate risk and conduct operations in areas that were previously restricted. The contractor shall be prepared to support [redacted]

4. Authority Cited: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(4))

☒ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2), Unusual and Compelling Urgency, as implemented by FAR 6.302-2

☒ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2), Unusual and Compelling Urgency, as implemented by FAR Overhaul 6.103-2

5. Reason for Authority Cited: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(5))

The services under this contract provide critical, mandatory pre-mission training for Special Operations Forces (SOF) prior to their [redacted] *A lapse in these training services is unacceptable and constitutes a direct, immediate threat to the lives and survivability of* [redacted] *service members. This imminent risk of serious injury to the Government satisfies the threshold for Unusual and Compelling Urgency pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2), as implemented by FAR 6.302-2 and FAR Overhaul 6.103-2.*

A timely protest filed at the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has triggered an automatic stay of performance under the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA). This stay legally prohibits the newly awarded contractor from performing. Without an immediate bridge contract to [redacted] *SOF units will be denied required* [redacted] *training, severely degrading their* [redacted] *effectiveness* [redacted]

The Government acknowledges that the new awardee has been deemed technically capable of fulfilling this requirement long-term. However, the new awardee cannot legally perform the work due to the protest stay. Furthermore, seeking a CICA stay override from the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) to utilize the new awardee is not a viable alternative to prevent this emergency. Even if an override were authorized,

a non-incumbent vendor would require a transition period to mobilize personnel, secure clearances, and establish training facilities. The aggressive [redacted] schedule cannot accommodate any transition delay.
Therefore, [redacted] as the incumbent, is the only source that currently holds all necessary clearances, established facilities, and active personnel ready to continue training immediately. They are the sole source capable of providing uninterrupted, Day-1 performance of SOFAMT training to prevent serious injury to the Government.

6. Efforts/Actions to Increase Competition: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(6) & (11))

Market research was exhaustively conducted during the competitive acquisition period (H9242126-Q-E021). While multiple vendors are capable of providing these services long-term, market research confirms that no vendor can mobilize and execute the complex nature of this training with zero transition time.

Given the immediate need for training to SOF personnel which will in turn support current and ongoing combat operations, and the fact that the protest prevents the new awardee from continuing performance, competing offers for a 68-day bridge contract is not practicable. [redacted] is the only firm positioned to perform immediately from date of award of the bridge contract.

Ultimately, this bridge contract would not be necessary if there had not been a GAO level protest received.

7. Market Research: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(8)).

SAM.gov notice ID H9242126R[redacted], a sources sought that was published on the GPE on 11 FEB 2026, which returned 10 intrested vendors. Only two of which, responded to the subsequent solicitation H9242126-Q-E021.

8. Other Authorities/Factors: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(9))

N/A

9. Technical and Requirements Certification: (FAR 6.303-2(c))
(This should be signed by a Requiring Activity Official (RAO) at a level commensurate with the ultimate approving authority: *a. If it does not require USSOCOM Agency Advocate for Competition (AAC) approval, then an RAO commensurate with the Chief of the Contracting Office.)* *b. If the AAC or Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) must approve, then the RAO must be an 0-6 or equivalent.* *c. If the Senior Procurement Exectutive (SPE) must approve, then the RAO must be at the level of Program Executive Officer, Director, Commander, Chief of Staff, or equivalent.)* I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance which are included in the justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief: NAME: [redacted] TITLE: [redacted] SIGNATURE/DATE: [redacted]

10. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(7))

I hereby determine that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. *The Government will utilize cost analysis, price analysis, pricing support, and the contractor's certified (or other than certified) cost data and price analysis data, as appropriate, to determine the price fair and reasonable.*

CONTRACTING OFFICER SIGNATURE IN SECTION 12 BELOW ALSO SERVES AS THE PRICE FAIR AND REASONABLENESS DETERMINATION IN THIS SECTION.

11. Contracting Officer Certification: (FAR 6.303-2(b)(12))

I hereby certify that this J&A is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

NAME: SFC John Miceli TITLE: Contracting Offier

SIGNATURE/DATE: MICELI.JOHN.PETER.1402359230 Digitally signed by MICELI.JOHN.PETER.1402359230 Date: 2026.05.28 15:03:16 -04'00'

12. Legal: SOFARS 5601-1

I have reviewed this document and find the J&A legally sufficient to support other than full and open competition:

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

SIGNATURE/DATE: _____