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Justification Review Document
FAR Part 16 Justification for an Exception to Fair Opportunity

Program/Equipment: Trellix Intrusion Device Detection System Software renewal for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC).

Authority RFO FAR 16.507-7 (DFARS CD 2026-O0045) – Restricting consideration to an item peculiar to one manufacturer (e.g., a particular brand-name, product, or a feature of a product that is peculiar to one manufacturer).

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Contracting Officer: [redacted]

Technical: [redacted]

Requirements: [redacted]

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Reviews: I have reviewed this justification and find it adequate to support an exception to fair opportunity.

Program Manager:

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MICC Office Counsel:

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1. Contracting Activity: Mission and Installation Contracting Command (MICC) Center – Fort Knox, 199 6th Avenue, Bldg. 1109, Suite 250, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40121-5720.

2. Description of Action: The Recruiting Services Network (RSN) requires Hardware (HW) and Software (SW) maintenance for the Trellix Intrusion Detection equipment in the data center-which is utilized for USAREC's Recruiting Mission. The award will be Firm Fixed Price (FFP), Operations Maintenance Army (OMA) funded, Fiscal Year (FY) 26 funds. The projected award date is expected to be in August 2026.

3. Description of Supplies/Services: USAREC requests hardware and software maintenance for the Trellix Intrusion Detection equipment located at the data center which is utilized for the Recruiting Mission.

ITEM	MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY
0001	TRELLIX	RBIAC8P10SRMODG	NetSec 8pt SR FO Mod 10/1GigE 1Yr RMATrellix - RBIAC8P10SRMODGStart Date: 08/08/2026End Date: 08/07/2027: G0E1525044: 17969868-NAI	1
0002	TRELLIX	RBIAC4P100SRPMODG	Trellix Network Security 4-Port 100/40 GigE SR Network I/O Expansion Module (with Built-In Fail-Open) - Standard Offering - 1yr Advanced RMA (next business day ship) Hardware Support [Qty 1+]Trellix - RBIAC4P100SRPMODGStart Date: 08/08/2026End Date: 08/07/2027: G0E1528001: 17969868-NAI	1
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0005	TRELLIX	RBIPSNS9600NBDG	Trellix Network Security IPS NS9600 Appliance - Standard Offering - 1yr Onsite Next Business Day Hardware Support (see Quote&Order Policies for specifics) [Qty 1+]Trellix - RBIPSNS9600NBDGStart Date: 08/08/2026End Date: 08/07/2027: G094530024: 17969868-NAI	1
0006	TRELLIX	RBIAC8P10SRMODG	NetSec 8pt SR FO Mod 10/1GigE 1Yr RMATrellix - RBIAC8P10SRMODGStart Date: 08/08/2026End Date: 08/07/2027:G0E1525061: 17969868-NAI	1
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0009	TRELLIX	NS96X40ECE-ATAG	Trellix IPS NS960040Gbps Software license (Throughput based entitlement) - Standard Offering - 1yr Subscription with 1yr Thrive Essential [Qty 1+]Trellix - NS96X40ECE-AT-AGStart Date: 08/08/2026End Date: 08/07/2027: 17969868-NAI	1

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4. Authority Cited: RFO FAR 16.507-7 (DFARS CD 2026-O0045) – Restricting consideration to an item peculiar to one manufacturer (e.g., a particular brand-name, product, or a feature of a product that is peculiar to one manufacturer).

5. Reason for Authority Cited: The Trellix IDS/ IPS maintenance requested will provide hardware and software support to an existing system. The Trellix Intrusion Detection System (IDS)/Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) NS9600 Sensor Appliances that are currently installed are part of an integrated security system design for USAREC. The existing Network Security (NS) 9600 appliances use proprietary Trellix software for their Operating System (OS). The requested hardware support for the NS9600 Sensor Appliances allows for replacement of any failed NS9600 appliance while the software support for the NS9600 Sensor Appliances allows for the appliances to acquire software updates, patches and/or upgrades that are required to meet Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) requirements. Additionally, the hardware support required for the replacement of any currently installed Network Security 4-port Fiber Optic 10/1 Gigabit Ethernet Module is required so that any “existing” fiber optic module that fails can be replaced under its associated hardware support agreement.

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Alternatives: Only Trellix IDS/IPS hardware maintenance is compatible with the current Trellix IDS/IPS system currently in use. There is no alternative but to renew the IDS/IPS hardware maintenance for the IDS/IPS system. The system is required to be operational per Army Regulations and Directives.

Impact: If the current IDS/IPS systems do not have "active" support agreements the USAREC IDS/IPS systems cannot maintain current and valid software versioning and hardware support, to include the ability to retrieve software updates, software patches, threat signature files and hardware support and/or failed equipment or component(s) exchanges; all of which are time-sensitive and critical to USAREC's mission responsibilities. Any out-of-date software and/or signature files, or extended hardware outages, would not allow the USAREC IDS/IPS systems to thwart the many cyber-attacks that are continually being executed against government networks by nation-state sponsored terrorists, Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), organized crime groups, hacktivists, and hackers, etc. For the reasons listed, failure to acquire these support renewals will put the Army's Accessioning Mission at a high probability of complete mission failure from an imminent cyber-attack.

6. Actions to Increase Competition: The products to be acquired with this acquisition fit within the framework of a larger end-to-end system therefore, no other brands were considered. Upon end-of-life cycle of the entire system, all available hardware/software packages available from the Army Digital Marketplace vendors will be considered.

7. Market Research: The items requested fall within scope of The Army Digital Marketplace Platform (ITES-4H) contracts. Per AFARS 5139, all in scope items must be procured through the Army Digital Marketplace Platform contract vehicle unless a statement of non- availability and ITAS waiver exists for the product or services. A Request for a market research Quote (RFQ) was submitted through the Army Digital Marketplace, reference 565493 on 4/22/2026 and closed on 4/29/2026.

8. Other Facts:

Procurement history.

Contract Number	Contractor	Competitive Status	Amount
W52P1J16D0011/W9124D25FA123	TRACE3 GOV'T LLC	JEFO FAR 16.507-6(b)(2)	[redacted]

9. Technical Certification: 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.

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10. Requirements Certification: 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.

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11. Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination: I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government for this contract will be fair and reasonable. This determination will be made using one or more of the following: competitive prices, historical prices, and market prices. As a part of this basis, certified cost or pricing data will not be required and the following exceptions apply (FAR 15.403): Prices that will be agreed upon are based on adequate price competition; a commercial item is being acquired.

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

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