DETERMINATION & FINDINGS

Authority to Solicit from a Single Source (at or below the SAT)

1. Agency and Contracting Activity: 412 OSS & AFTC/PZZG

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action: [redacted]

The REAL (Reusable Energy Absorbing Layer) system replaces the current one-time use honeycomb energy dissipating pads. As the Container Delivery Systems bundles fall into disrepair, replacement parts may be limited or unavailable leading to mission degradation. The RUSB (Resuable Universal Skid Board system will replace the legacy plywood skid board. Further, the new REAL/RUSB system when utilized together will also reduce the overall aircrew training costs and increase manpower productivity.

Required products and services below:

QTY 5: 4242S100BSbBbTbBe, CDS4242S100BSbBnTbBeH = 9
REAL06M12 + 6 REAL23M126 + 1
REAL04M06 + RUSB03 1" black + RUSB07
0.5" white Base board + RUSB06 0.25"
white top board + Belt
QTY 5: 4Handles, Set of 4 handles to handle RUSB
QTY 5: Shipping

3. Citation to the Appropriate Regulation:
(Contracting Officer Instruction: Select the applicable authority for this acquisition)

- ○ **RFO 8.401 and GSAR 538.7104-3(a) (FSS Orders):** The circumstances of the acquisition deem only one source reasonably capable of providing the products, services, or solutions.
- ○ **RFO 11.204(a)(2)(ii) (Brand Name):** The particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet the agency's needs or cannot be modified to meet the agency's minimum needs,.
- ◉ **RFO 12.102(a) (Commercial Products and Services):** Only one source is available,.
- ○ **RFO 13.101(b) (Noncommercial Products and Services):** Only one source is reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name, or industrial mobilization),.

4. Findings:

The REAL RUSB (Reusable Energy Absorbing Layer / Reusable Universal Skid Board System) is a proprietary system and sole source manufacturer to meet the needs of military airdrop operations. This system is the only type system allowed for use by the Air National Guard- Air Force Reserve Command test Center (AATC) and approved for implementation in the TM4-48.03/MCRP-4-10.3C/TO 13C7-1-11. The system replaces the current one-time use honeycomb energy dissipating pads and legacy plywood skid board. When utilized, REAL/RUSB systems will also reduce the overall aircrew training costs and increase manpower productivity.

Market research was conducted to validate the sole-source nature of this requirement. A Sources

Sought Synopsis was published on SAM.gov from 17 June 2026 through 24 June 2026; the posting yielded zero (0) responses from industry. Subsequently, on 29 June 2026, the Contracting Activity obtained written confirmation from QRDC, Inc. identifying themselves as the sole manufacturer and provider of the required items. Furthermore, QRDC, Inc. certified that they maintain no authorized third-party resellers either domestically or internationally.

Therefore, QRDC, Inc. is the only source capable of satisfying the Government's requirement.

5. Determination: Based on the findings above, the proposed sole source or brand name action is justified under the applicable regulation.

6. Signatory Authority: *(Contracting Officer Instruction: In accordance with DAF Approval Authorities Matrix PM 26-C-11 Matrix Item 51 for RFO 13.101(b) actions and GSAR 538.7104-3(a) for FSS orders, the Contracting Officer is the approval authority for these determinations).*

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