NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE
OR BRAND NAME

PICK ONE

Sole Source:
☒I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate with Connectsix, LLC only for ConnectSix SayWeather GBU Labor. The total estimated cost of this effort is [redacted] and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is various PoP Dates.

OR

Brand Name Justification:
☐I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate only with vendors who can provide the subject band name from Manufacture Name for Enter Supply or Service to be procured. The total estimated cost of this effort is Enter Dollar amount and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is Date.

This recommendation is for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source/only one manufacture. Competition is impractical for the following reasons (please answer the questions below):

1. **What are the reasons for soliciting only the suggested source/suggested brand name?** Please provide the unique characteristics of the items or services along with the supporting rationale and the market research performed to substantiate your reason for the suggested source/brand name.

   This procurement pertains to a continuation of work previously performed by ConnectSix and requires specialized expertise not available from other known vendors or manufacturers. ConnectSix has established a proven track record, demonstrated technical proficiency, and unique experience in integrating Google Speech-to-Text AI specifically for aviation communications. Additionally, the company possesses specialized capabilities in rapid edge hardware development and deployment, which are essential to the success of this project. Based on current market research, ConnectSix is the only known provider with the combination of expertise, existing research integration, and field-proven architecture needed to develop, integrate, and deploy a real-time aviation speech recognition solution that meets the program's operational requirements.

2. **What is the impact to the government if another vendor/brand is used?** Include any dollar, schedule, or compatibility impacts if possible.

   Using a vendor or brand other than ConnectSix could lead to significant schedule delays, increased technical risks, and additional costs associated with transitioning the current effort to a new provider. This requirement is part of a phased professional services plan and directly supports Phase Five of the Flight Deck CDM initiative with this procurement specifically targeting the hardware component. Engaging an alternate vendor at this stage would necessitate extensive knowledge transfer, redevelopment of existing integration work, and validation of compatibility with the current system architecture. Such changes could compromise project continuity, delay deployment timelines, and increase the risk to successful mission execution

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: