DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE
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JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. **Contracting Activity.** Naval Criminal Investigative Service-Headquarters (NCIS-HQ), Administration and Logistics Directorate, Acquisitions Division.

2. **Description of the Action Being Approved.**

☐ Award of a contract on a sole source basis for supplies/services.
☒ Award of a contract on a brand name basis for supplies/services.

3. **Description of Supplies/Services.**

Supplies or services to be acquired:

NCIS requires the following items to be Brand Name:

Qty	Part Number	Description
32	1659-NIKON	Nikon Z6 Mirrorless Camera Body Only
32	20092-NIKON	Nikon Nikkor Z 24-200mm f 4-6.3 VR Lens
8	20117-NIKON	Nikon Nikkor Z MC 180-600mm F/5.6-6.3 VR Lens (NIKON Z
64	27213-NIKON	Nikon EN-EL 15c Rechargeable Li-ion Battery
32	20100-NIKON	Nikon Nikkor Z MC 105mm f 2.8 VR S Z-Mount Macro Lens
32	4815	Nikon SB-5000 AF Multifunctional Speedlight Flash Black, UPC:0018208048151
32	4255-NIKON	Nikon WR-R11b WR-T10 Remote Controller Set
32	MT190GOA4US	Manfrotto 190go! Aluminum M-Series Tripod
32	MH804-3WUS	Manfrotto MH804 3-Way, Pan-and-Tilt Head with 200LT-PL Quick Release Plate

These are Brand Name OR Equal items:

Qty	Recommended Part Number	Description
32	VCV300-0040-BLK	Pelican Vault V300 Case with padded dividers (Black, 18.7l)

Total Value of Requirement:

FISCAL YEAR	APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
2026	OM&N	[redacted]

Delivery:
30 days after date of award.

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition.**

☒ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(1), Only One responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.

☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(2), Unusual and compelling urgency.
☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(3), Industrial mobilization; engineering, developmental, or capability; or expert services.
☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(4), International agreement.
☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(5), Authorized or required by statute.
☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(6), National Security.
☐ 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(7), Public Interest.

5. **Rationale Justifying Use of Cited Authority.** The acquisition is being conducted under the procedures of FAR 8.405-6(b) – Limiting sources; Items peculiar to one manufacturer. The justification rationale for restricting competition is: the equipment is manufactured by, and proprietary to, **Nikon, Inc.** and **Manfrotto**. The NCIS has standardized their equipment throughout the agency in an effort to make the cameras, lenses, scanners, tripods, and training all compatible. As such, only Nikon Cameras and Manfrotto tripods can be procured as all agents at NCIS are trained on that equipment. Switching to any other brand would require agency-wide efforts to re-equip and re-educate agents. Currently, agents go through a special course that is specifically designed for the equipment that is fielded to agents, one of which is the Nikon camera. Procuring a different brand of camera would also require re-vamping the existing training course for agents in order to train them on a different brand of camera and its accessories.

   Additionally, current lenses and software are not be compatible with other brands of cameras, which would require the agency to procure additional components and accessories. Also, agents change their duty locations every three years and the use of non-uniform camera models will be a hindrance on cross team missions due to skill-vacuum and lack of interoperability. As such, procuring more Nikon cameras is the only cost-efficient solution for the agency.

6. **Specific characteristics of the supplies or services that limit the availability to this/these source(s), i.e., unique features, form-fit-function, etc. State why the requested material or service represents the minimum requirement(s) of the Government. Describe in detail why only this/these suggested source(s) can furnish the requirement(s) to the exclusion of other sources.**

   Mirrorless refers to the fact that light travels directly through the camera from lens to viewfinder without being reflected within the camera by a mirror. This phenomenon was occurring regardless of which brand of camera one has (Canon/Fujifilm/Nikon). Adjusting to this change necessitates a conversion not only in camera body but also in camera lens, requiring a new type of lens or at least, use of an adapter ring. Once NCIS was aware of the forthcoming transition required from traditional DSLR camera to a mirrorless system, TSFO knew the need to drive the change within the Agency, beginning with OFS and Major Case Response Team (MCRT).

   It is critical to ensure the Agency uses the Nikon camera system, which is familiar to agency personnel from the training academy through senior personnel. The new Nikon mirrorless cameras are similar in functionality to the traditional cameras. This ensures interoperability and a smooth transition despite the pace of the Agency's conversion of all its cameras.

   The Manfrotto GT XPRO Tripod Kit allows the mirrorless camera to be gripped properly when it is mounted on it. The tripod allows us to extend the boom or position the camera sideways or upside down (we do this regularly) when the mirrorless camera is mounted. This part of the requirement is essential.

7. **Determination of fair and reasonable pricing.**

Pricing will be reviewed prior to award based on price analysis techniques available per FAR 15.404-1(b)(2).

8. **Brief description of Market Research conducted and results or why market research was not conducted.**

Market Research was initially conducted by the requiring office. Research was conducted and data was compared based on costs and features associated with mirrorless Nikon camera systems and lenses to determine the best middle-of-the-road model containing features useful to NCIS without purchasing a camera that had advanced features unnecessary for our Agency. Features of the cameras that formed the basis for this comparison included the resolution of the camera, the speed with which the camera shoots and records images, the dynamic range, the video capabilities, the wireless connectivity of the camera system, and the ease of learning to operate the camera. NCIS has also determined there is value in having each entity within the organization use the same system.

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9. **Any other factors supporting use of other than full and open ex., National Security, etc.:**

N/A.

10. **Listing of sources (Name, Address, POC)**

OEM	Point of Contact
Nikon Inc. 1300 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747-3064	Craig Filosa 631-547-4367 craig.filosa@nikon.com
Manfrotto A Videndum plc Brand	manfrotto@videndum.com

11. **A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.**

A market review for similar products or services will be conducted on any future procurements to ensure there are opportunities to maximize competition or to reassess the mission needs with the best solution for the Government.

APPROVALS/CERTIFICATIONS

12. **TECHNICAL COGNIZANCE.** I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this justification, and form a basis for this justification, are complete and accurate.

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13. **CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION/APPROVAL.** I certify that this the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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