Justification & Approval
For Other than Full and Open Competition

As a legislative branch agency, the Library is subject to the competition and advertising requirements of 41 U.S.C. § 6101. Like the Competition in Contracting Act and the FAR, 41 U.S.C. § 6101 does not require competition when a contracting officer certifies that only one source or brand-name item is available, when dictated by public exigency, or when otherwise authorized by law.

This document sets forth the justification and approval for award of a contract or order by means providing for other than full and open competition per 41 U.S.C. § 6101, LCR 7-210, and, as applicable, FAR 6.302, FAR 13.106-1, FAR 8.405, and FAR 16.505. Contracting without competition shall not be justified on the basis of a lack of advance planning or concerns related to availability of funds.

This form shall be used to support instances where competition will be limited to a single source, a limited number of sources, including where a brand name product is required.

Part 1 – Identification

1. Contracting Agency and Activity: Library of Congress, LBN/Multimedia Group

2. Nature of Action Being Approved

☒ Contract (or modification)
☐ LoC or Leg Branch Order (or modification)
☐ GSA Schedule or GWAC: Identify Schedule/Contract
☐ Other: Identify

Plan ID Number: 2026-LBN-0028
Contractor (or Brand Name): Barco - Brand Name
Estimated Value (Base and all options): [redacted]
Period of Performance: 09/01/2026 – 01/31/2027

3. Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet Library Needs

Describe the supplies or services that are required to meet the Library's minimum needs and the delivery schedule required to meet those needs. Do not focus on a description of the program.

The Library requires the following supplies or services:

The Library of Congress (Library) seeks to procure a 4K UHD (Ultra High-Definition) Projector which will be used to support presentations, screening, images, etc., via a video source. This projector will augment the current Barco G-100 W19 used for event presentations and film screenings.

Part 2 – Program Office Justification & Approval

4. Authority for Contracting Without Competition Over $350,000

For this requirement over $350,000, under FAR part 6, the basis for contracting without providing for full and open competition is:

☐ There is only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy Library requirements. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(2)(C); FAR 6.302-1.
- ☐ Library's minimum needs can only be satisfied by contractor's unique capabilities or products. FAR 6.302-1(b)(1).
- ☐ Source controls copyrights, patents, raw materials, or secret processes cannot be acquired otherwise, or similar circumstances. FAR 6.302-1(b)(2).
- ☐ Other exception identified in FAR 6.302-1: Identify the exception

☐ There is such unusual & compelling urgency that the Government would be seriously injured if competition is not limited. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(2)(B); FAR 6.302-2. Option years are not permitted.

☐ Source is expressly authorized or required by statute (e.g., AbilityOne, UNICOR, GPO, GSA Public Buildings Service, Appropriations Act, etc.) per 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(1) and FAR 6.302-5: Identify the authority

☐ Other basis authorized in 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b) or FAR part 6.302: Identify the exception

☐ Library's needs can only be satisfied by a brand-name product or item which is essential to the Government's requirement. FAR 6.302-1(c).

☐ The Product is listed on the Library of Congress Enterprise Architecture Repository (LCEAR) database (Attach applicable IT Standard Data Sheet)

Up to and including $350,000

For this requirement up to $350,000, using simplified acquisition procedures under FAR part 13, the basis for contracting without providing for full and open competition is:

☐ Only one responsible source is reasonably available to meet Library requirements. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b); FAR 13.106-1.
- ☐ Product or service is reasonably available from only one source.
- ☐ Source controls copyrights, patents or other exclusive licensing arrangements.
- ☐ Urgent circumstances; only one source can reasonably deliver by required date. Option years are not permitted.
- ☐ Source is expressly authorized or required by statute:

☒ Library's needs can only be satisfied by a brand-name product

☐ The Product is listed the Library of Congress Enterprise Architecture Repository (LCEAR) database (Attach applicable IT Standard Data Sheet)

GSA Schedule Order

For this GSA schedule order under FAR part 8, the basis for not competing among GSA schedule-holders and/or specifying a brand name product or item is:

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following GSA procedures would result in unacceptable delays. FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A).

☐ Only one GSA source is capable of fulfilling the requirement at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized. FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B).

☐ In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original order that was placed competitively among GSA schedule-holders (i.e., the original order was not sole-source or limited-source.) FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(C).

☐ Library's needs can only be satisfied by a brand-name product

☐ The Product is listed on the Library of Congress Enterprise Architecture Repository (LCEAR) database (Attach applicable IT Standard Data Sheet)

Order Under Multiple Award Indefinite-Delivery Contract or GWAC

For this order under FAR subpart 16.5, the basis for contracting without providing for full and open competition is:

☐ The need is so urgent fair opportunity would result in unacceptable delays. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(2)(C) and FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i)(A).

☐ The Library's minimum needs can only be satisfied by contractor's unique capabilities or products. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(1) and FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i)(B).

☐ A logical follow-on order in the interest of economy and efficiency. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(1) and FAR 16.505(b)(i)(2)(C).

☐ To satisfy a minimum guarantee. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(1) and FAR 16.505(b)(2)(D).

☐ Authorized or required by statute. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(1) and FAR 16.505(b)(2)(E).

☐ The Library's minimum needs can only be satisfied by a brand-name product or item which is essential to the Government's requirement. 41 U.S.C. § 6101(b)(2)(B) and FAR 16.505(a)(4)(i).

☐ The Product is listed on the Library of Congress Enterprise Architecture Repository (LCEAR) database (Attach applicable IT Standard Data Sheet)

5. Rationale for Contracting Without Competition

In supporting an action not providing for full and open competition, it is not sufficient to demonstrate that the contractor is exceptionally well qualified or even the best qualified, or that the required brand name product is well suited to the Library's needs. The rationale must demonstrate that no one else, or no other competing product, can satisfactorily fulfill the Library's requirement. Do not focus on the importance of the requirement; the issue is the rationale for not competing.

In supporting urgency, address the following: What are the unexpected facts or the unpredictable events that led to this situation? When is the required delivery or performance start date? Why this date? What specific harm to the Government will occur if the delivery is not made or performance not begun as scheduled? (Note that expiration of funds is not sufficient harm to justify not competing.) Demonstrate that the contract is only for items and quantities urgently needed until a competitive procurement action can be developed, or that a separate competitive follow-on is not practical.

In supporting a brand name justification, the brand name or feature must be essential to the Library's requirements, and market research indicates that other company's similar products or products with similar features cannot meet or be modified to meet the Library's needs.

We are authorized to limit competition on the basis of the citation in section 4 because:

The current fleet of deployable projectors in use by MMG are manufactured by Barco. Manufacturer consistency has been maintained to allow for consistent infrastructure for projected media. The current primary Barco projector is used to support video playback, film screenings, presentations, and other projected media content. Two (2) other Barco projectors were procured during FY25 as part of the Pickford Theater Audiovisual Modernization project – which provides a fixed mounted ceiling projector, and a fixed mount Digital Cinema (DCI) compliant projector for the projection booth. During market research phase, we attended industry events (National Association of Broadcasters conference, InfoComm, and Digital Video Group Integral), spoke with the prime manufacturers for these large format, high lumen projectors, (Christie, Panasonic and Barco), and spoke with systems integrators about a fitting solution considering our workflow requirements and weekly usage. In each, Barco was the overwhelming recommendation to fit our use cases and budget. Also, having a fleet of Barco lenses that are currently in rotation allows for these to be used interchangeably, which is required for throw-distance compensation when using the projector in various venues within the complex (Coolidge, Great Hall, LA-516, South Lawn, etc.). This factor was considered when estimating the budget for this procurement, as it does not include purchase of additional lenses, since compatible Barco lenses are in current inventory. Maintaining consistency with Barco as manufacturer also provides the ability to manage maintenance, monitoring, and remote operation of each projector by utilizing a single enclosed, non-IT network to maintain all Barco devices. Market research revealed that the current inventory of Barco lenses is only compatible with Barco-branded projectors and will not work other manufacturer projectors

6. Actions to Overcome Barriers to Competition Before Subsequent Contract Is Required

State what actions, if any, the program office can take to overcome barriers to competition before a contracting for this requirement again, such as: using action to provide time to develop specifications for a competitive procurement by a certain date; licensing copyrights or patents so other contractors may use the works; or breaking the requirement into parts that may be purchased competitively. If this is a one-time requirement, explain that action to increase future competition is not needed. If the source is expressly required by statute, state "Source is statutory."

To increase competition, we will:

When evaluating the purchase of projectors, MMG will continue to look at multiple manufacturers, and research the capabilities of each for interoperability with other manufacturers, if any exist. All the manufacturers of these types of projectors (Panasonic, Christie, Barco) use proprietary technology to make their equipment unique from the other manufacturers. MMG will continue to re-examine the current workflow and weekly use workload, to see if other manufacturers could seamlessly fit into workflows without causing a disruption to/or compromising standards.

7. Program Office Certification

I certify that the description of the Government's minimum needs, schedule requirements, and technical information that provide the basis for this justification are accurate and complete.

[redacted]	Production Supervisor	[redacted]	05/28/2026
Name	Title	Signature	Date

PART 3 – CONTRACTING OFFICER DETERMINATIONS & CERTIFICATION

8. Efforts to Solicit from As Many Potential Sources As Practicable

Unless a justification is based on FAR 6.302-2, Unusual and compelling urgency, contracting officers shall post justifications for other than full and open competition, including brand name justifications, to the Contract Opportunities website on sam.gov (or eBuy for Brand Name Justifications under FAR Part 8) prior to requesting a proposal or otherwise entering into negotiations.

☐ Advance notice will be published in sam.gov for 15 days before a contract is awarded. FAR 5.203(a).
☐ Advance or concurrent notice will be published in sam.gov for a reasonable time for commercial items FAR 5.203(a) and 12.204(b).
☐ Advance notice will not be published because the action meets the following FAR exception:
- ☐ Notice would compromise national security. FAR 5.202(a)(1).
- ☐ Unusual and compelling urgency; notice period would seriously injure Government. FAR 5.202(a)(2).
- ☐ Expressly authorized or required to be made through another Government agency. FAR 5.202(a)(4).
- ☐ Order will be placed against an IDIQ contract awarded under FAR 16.5. FAR 5.202(a)(6).
- ☐ Order will be placed against GSA schedule or other competitively-awarded contract. FAR 5.202(a)(11).
- ☒ Other: FAR 13.501(a)(iii) Make publicly available the justifications (excluding brand name) required by 6.305(a) within 14 days after contract award.

☐ Advance notice will not be published per 41 U.S.C. § 6101; see attached deviation from the FAR per LCR 7-210 § 3.A.

We made the following efforts to interest potential sources in this award:

This procurement was competed by issuing a solicitation (Solicitation 030ADV26Q0154) to four vendors which the COR identified as likely able to provide the projector which meets the Library's requirements. The four vendors were: B&H Foto and Electronics Corp., Digital Video Group, Buy Direct & Save, and Proven Projectors.

9. Listing of Sources That Expressed Interest in Writing

The following sources expressed interest in this award:

The Library received one timely proposal from B&H Foto and Electronics Corp.

10. Additional Information

The following additional information is relevant to this justification and approval:

The one proposal received in response to Solicitation 030ADV26Q0154 was evaluated, per the solicitation requirements, to determine if it met the lowest price technically acceptable evaluation requirements. The Subject matter expert reviewed the proposal from the only offeror, B&H Foto and Electronics Corp. and determined the proposal to be technically acceptable.

11. Contracting Officer Determination that Price Is Fair and Reasonable

As explained in detail below, I have determined that the prices for this contracting action are fair and reasonable based on comparison of the prices to the following (see FAR 15.404-1(b)(2)):

☐ Historical prices paid by the Government
☐ Library's Independent Government Estimate
☒ Other: FAR 15.403-1(c)(1)(ii)(A) and FAR 15.403-1(c)(1)(ii)(A)(1)
☐ Published competitive price lists
☐ Prices obtained through market research
☐ Prices obtained through competitive proposals

The following analysis (based on attached pricing information) supports my determination:

There was adequate price competition, as the Library submitted the solicitation to multiple reputable vendors and received one quote. By submitting the solicitation to multiple potential offerors, there was a reasonable expectation, that two or more responsible offerors, competing independently would submit priced offers in response to the requirement, even though only one offer was received (See FAR 15.403-1(c)(1)(ii)(A). In addition, the CO concluded that the offeror believed at least one other offeror was capable of submitting a meaningful offer and the offeror had no reason to believe that other potential offerors did not intend to submit an offer, as such the price is fair and reasonable (See FAR 15.403-1(c)(1)(ii)(A)(1).

12. Contracting Officer Determination of Responsibility

☒ Checked System for Award Management (or will check in the case of competitive proposals for a brand name product)

In accordance with FAR 9.104-1, Contractor Qualifications and Standards – B&H Foto and Electronics Corp. has been determined to be responsible. Their SAM.gov registration details can be found below:

Company Name	SAM UEI	Expiration Date	Exclusions
B&H Foto and Electronics Corp.	DXUNWV7UH817	November 10, 2026	None

13. Contracting Officer Determination of Best Value

I have determined that this action represents the best value to the Government because:

B&H Foto and Electronics Corp.'s proposal met all the requirements of the solicitation and it was determined to be technically acceptable. An award to B&H Foto and Electronics Corp. represents the best value to the Library considering the evaluation factors of Technical Acceptability and Price.

14. Contracting Officer Certification

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this justification is accurate and complete. For those actions up to $900,000, I approve contracting without competition for this requirement.

[redacted]	[redacted]	08/03/2026
Name	Signature	Date