Justification for an Exception to Fair Opportunity or to Use Brand-Name Restriction

Is this a brand-name justification? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the product title and description. [FAR16.505(a)(4)(i)]

Brand-Name Product Title: BEAR Circuit Breaker & Control Box

Brand-Name Product Description: Circuit Breaker panel & control box fofor the BEAR generator

Is this a Bridge Action as defined in the AF Bridge Action Reduction Plan? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Contracting Activity: AFMC AFSC OL:H/PZIMC
Purchase Request / Local ID Number: 16042
Program Name (and Program Element, if applicable):
Estimated Cost/Price of the Order (including options): [redacted]
Type Program (see AFFARS 5302.101 for definitions): ☐ PEO Program ☐ Other Contracting
Type of Determination: ☒ Individual ☐ Class Expires: [click and select]

Click here for instructions to complete the boxes below.

(1) Contracting Activity:

United States Air Force
AFMC AFSC OL:H/PZIMC
6038 Aspen Avenue, Bldg 1289
Hill Air Force Base, UT 84056
PCO: Nathanial Littlewood

(2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved:

Contract action is a new in support of the 526th EMXS Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources (BEAR) Generator overhaul workload. These generators come to Hill for overhaul typically missing these parts, or the parts are beyond repair - due to cannibalization in the field.

(3) Description of the supplies/services required to meet the agency's needs:

a) Cummins Control Box - Part #: A034H205, [redacted]
There is a pressing need for three of these control boxes to meet immediate workload requirements.

(4) Justification for restricting consideration to a brand-name item:

We are planning to go with full & open seeking the items in question with the award to a single vendor. So FAR16.505 (Multiple Awards) does not apply in this instance. Solicitation has revealed at least one vendor other than the manufacturer believes they can supply the parts required. It should be noted that the parts required are proprietary to Cummins, who states that they are not available through any other source. With that in mind, the parts required are specific to the BEAR generator set. No other brand of parts are authorized to be fitted, IAW technical data & the cognizant engineer.

(5) Contracting Officer's determination that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:

As these items are produced by Cummins. If another vendor can provide them, the pricing will be very close to the Cummins pricing. These are established products for a system that has been a around for a number of years.

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(6) Other facts supporting the justification:

(7) Actions the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to decreasing the use of brand-name items before any subsequent acquisition of the supplies or services:
Since the products under discussion are manufactured by Cummins for their own generator, it's unlikely that there is a solution that would eliminate the brand name requirement.

(8) Program Manager's certification that supporting data is accurate and complete:
As evidenced by my signature below, I certify that any supporting data contained herein, which is my responsibility, is both accurate and complete.

(9) Contracting Officer's certification that the justification is accurate and complete:
As evidenced by my signature below, I certify that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(10) Approving Official's determination that FAR16.505(a)(4)(i) applies to the order:
As evidenced by my signature below, I hereby determine that the use of brand-name restriction applies.

Date		Signature
	Program Manager: Gregory Loefer 309 EMXG/MXDSR	[redacted]
Date 04 May 2026	Nathanial Littlewood AFMC OL_H/PZIMC Contracting Officer	Signature [redacted]