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U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION OF THE AGENCY AND THE CONTRACTING ACTIVITY

Department of State Contracting Activity	☒ Acquisition Management ☐ Foreign Service Institute ☐ Office of Foreign Missions ☐ U.S. Mission to the United Nations ☐ Overseas Post
Requiring Activity	Notifier Parts for OBO/FIRE

SECTION 2: NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED

This is a Brand Name Justification to procure Notifier manufactured parts for alarms at U.S. Embassies & Consulates worldwide. Notifier Parts are constantly needed at Posts. Our office's responsibility is to repair or replace Notifier parts and equipment. Systems at some Posts have deteriorated due to lack of servicing and require a massive overhaul and immediate attention. Notifier equipment is Lifesaving equipment.

The contract shall be a Base year, plus four - Option years (2026 – 2031).

SECTION 3: DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

Notifier (Brand Name) parts are provided for all Posts worldwide. Parts are installed to maintain fire protection systems (to include fire alarm systems) at all overseas posts. These systems are installed by contractors in both new and existing construction. Fire protection systems are essential to providing life safety and must be maintained. All Department of State principal buildings require alarm and detection systems, in compliance with adopted codes, standards, Department policy, and Federal laws. A vast majority of these systems were installed using Notifier products, as required by Department of State project specifications. The parts for this requirement are essential to maintaining these systems in operational condition.

SECTION 4: IDENTIFICATION OF THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

This statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S. Code 1901 as implemented by FAR 12.000; see also FAR 12.102(b). This is for a Brand Name Justification.

SECTION 5: DEMONSTRATION THAT THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS OR THE NATURE OF THE ACQUISITION REQUIRES USE OF THE AUTHORITY CITED

Notifier parts are not interchangeable. The manufacturer's (Notifier's) products use proprietary parts and software protocols, making it necessary to only use their parts on their systems. In other words, parts from another manufacturer will not work with the systems at any Post. The Department has hundreds of Notifier fire alarm systems installed in new construction and existing buildings, resulting in a need for more replacement parts in the near future.

SECTION 6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT OFFERS WERE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE, INCLUDING WHETHER A NOTICE WAS OR WILL BE PUBLICIZED AS REQUIRED BY FAR SUBPART 5.1 AND, IF NOT, WHICH EXCEPTION UNDER FAR 5.101(B) APPLIES

An RFI was conducted on Notifier parts. Responses were received from several Small Businesses, as this is a Commercial Item. The Contracting Officer forwarded the responses to the COR. The COR and the program office evaluated the responses received from the RFI and submitted a Memo to the Contracting Officer detailing the information and analysis of the vendors.

The requirement will be posted on www.SAM.Gov , along with this Brand Name J&A.

SECTION 7. DETERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER THAT THE ANTICIPATED COST TO THE GOVERNMENT IS FAIR AND REASONABLE

The Contacting Officer will deem the cost as Fair & Reasonable.

SECTION 8. DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED (SEE PART 10) AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON A MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED

Market Research was conducted on the Brand Name, Notifier. An RFI was issued on Notifier parts, and the Department received a good number of responses. Several Small Businesses are very interested in/with this procurement. OBO/FIRE submitted a Memo analyzing the responses to the Contracting Officer.

SECTION 9. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

None.

SECTION 10. LISTING OF SOURCES, IF ANY, THAT EXPRESSED A WRITTEN INTEREST IN THE ACQUISITION

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SECTION 11. 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

None.

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SECTION 12. CERTIFICATIONS

All reviews and approvals should be completed in the order listed unless otherwise authorized or required.

TECHNICAL AND REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance which are included in this Justification and its supporting acquisition planning documents, except as noted herein, are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Technical Cognizance:
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LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

This J&A is hereby determined to be legally sufficient.
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Attorney-Advisor

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CERTIFICATIONS (Continued)

CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION (FAR 6.104-1(a)(12))
I certify that this submission is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that it contains complete information necessary to enable other officials to make an informed recommendation for approval or disapproval.

SIGNATURE:

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Theresa Hunt Date
Contracting Officer
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Blondell Taylor Date
Acting Division Director
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SECTION 13. APPROVALS

COMPETITION ADVOCATE SIGNATURE:

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Trena Mills
Bureau of Global Acquisitions

Date

NOTE: Each review must stipulate and include lower level signatory concurrence only prior to the higher dollar threshold approval. Signatories shall not exceed FAR or U.S.C. dollar threshold authority.