DETERMINATION & FINDINGS

Authority to Solicit from a Single Source (at or below the SAT)

1. Agency and Contracting Activity: 5th Contracting Squadron, Minot AFB, ND

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action: [redacted]

The 5th Communications Squadron has a requirement for the purchase of Whelen giant voice system parts to include 15 ea. SD400 Whelen speaker drivers, 3 ea. WPS series battery chargers, and 5 ea. amplifiers for Whelen WPS series.

3. Citation to the Appropriate Regulation:
(Contracting Officer Instruction: Select the applicable authority for this acquisition)

- ○ **RFO 8.401 and GSAR 538.7104-3(a) (FSS Orders):** The circumstances of the acquisition deem only one source reasonably capable of providing the products, services, or solutions.
- ◉ **RFO 11.204(a)(2)(ii) (Brand Name):** The particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet the agency's needs or cannot be modified to meet the agency's minimum needs,.
- ○ **RFO 12.102(a) (Commercial Products and Services):** Only one source is available,.
- ○ **RFO 13.101(b) (Noncommercial Products and Services):** Only one source is reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name, or industrial mobilization),.

4. Findings:

Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) for the giant voice system on Minot AFB. This equipment is an integral piece of a multi-equipment electronics system. Purchase of Whelen brand equipment is vital to maintain consistency and interoperability of all system parts.

5. Determination: Based on the findings above, the proposed sole source or brand name action is justified under the applicable regulation.

6. Signatory Authority: *(Contracting Officer Instruction: In accordance with DAF Approval Authorities Matrix PM 26-C-11 Matrix Item 51 for RFO 13.101(b) actions and GSAR 538.7104-3(a) for FSS orders, the Contracting Officer is the approval authority for these determinations).*

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