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: CX200 SiteExpert

Communication Service Monitor (CX200 SiteXpert)

Brand-Name Product Description: The CX200 SiteXpert is an advanced, portable Communication Service Monitor designed for technicians maintaining communication infrastructure and subscriber units. It combines features from industry-leading test sets into a single, rugged device for field use. The CX200 is built to handle the transition from analog to digital Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems.

Contracting Activity: FA8217
Purchase Request: estimated $150,000
Program Name (and Program Element, if applicable): Control and Reporting Center Program Office (CRC PO) and PE is 27412F
Estimated Cost/Price of the Order (including options): $150,000
Type Program (see AFFARS 5302.101 for definitions): ☐ PEO Program ☒ Other Contracting
Type of Determination: ☒ Individual ☐ Class Expires: Aug 31, 2026

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(1) Contracting Activity:
FA8217

(2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved:
Approval is requested for the award of a new, firm-fixed-price delivery order against a GSA Federal Supply Schedule (or similar multiple-award contract) on a brand-name (COTS - CX200 SiteExpert test set), sole-source basis (vendor VIAVI) .

(3) Description of the supplies/services required to meet the agency's needs:
Supplies Procurement of the VIAVI CX200 SiteXpert Communication Service Monitor (Brand-Name). This equipment will serve as a direct, form-fit-function replacement for the squadron's existing, obsolete legacy radio test sets. Estimated Value: Under $150,000

(4) Justification for restricting consideration to a brand-name item:
Per 10 U.S.C. 3204(a)(1) as implemented by RFO 6.103-1(d) / FAR 6.302-1(c) — "Application for brand-name descriptions." VIAVI CX200 SiteXpert because it is the only equipment explicitly tested and qualified by the Air Control Squadron (ACS) to serve as a direct replacement for the current obsolete radio test sets. The CX200 meets all ACS baseline requirements for transition from analog to digital LMR, including an integrated 1-port Vector Network Analyzer and strict sub-9 lb portability constraints. Procuring any other brand would force the Government to field an unqualified asset, compromising mission readiness and safety protocols.

(5) Contracting Officer's determination that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:
This effort is supported with a Statement of Work (SOW) per FAR 8.405-2 for the services to be performed. The radio test set is a commercial item available to the public and government. This requirement provided comparative pricing on the GSA site. The services will be acquired through a competitive GSA IDIQ which has been reviewed to provide the necessary support for this requirement. The proposal will be evaluated by the Contracting Officer who will perform a price reasonableness determination as part of the best value.

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(6) Other facts supporting the justification:
No market research was complete by CRC PO the testing ACS confirms that while other communication service monitors exist, the VIAVI CX200 is the only platform currently qualified by the ACS to replace the specific obsolete testing equipment on hand. Research via GSA Advantage confirms that this brand-name item is available through multiple authorized resellers, allowing for competition among distributors despite the brand restriction.

(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:
CRC PMO will overcome barriers to competition by competing this requirement among all authorized VIAVI resellers on GSA eBuy. For future requirements, the agency will continue to monitor the market and ACS qualification lists for alternative platforms that complete the certification process

(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.

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