

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
NASA SHARED SERVICES CENTER

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE
OR BRAND NAME

PICK ONE

Sole Source:

☒ I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate with Nikon SLM Solutions NA, Inc. only for Nikon SLM SLM Essential Care Support: 1 Year. The total estimated cost of this effort is [REDACTED] and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is 12 Months From Date of Award.

OR

Brand Name Justification:

☐ I recommend that NASA, NASA Shared Services Center negotiate only with vendors who can provide the subject brand name from Manufacture Name for Product being purchased. The total estimated cost of this effort is \$Dollar Amount and the estimated period of performance or lead-time for delivery is Date.

This recommendation is for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source/only one manufacture. Competition is impractical for the following reasons (please answer the questions below):

1. **What are the reasons for soliciting only the suggested source/suggested brand name?** Please provide the unique characteristics of the items or services along with the supporting rationale and the market research performed to substantiate your reason for the suggested source/brand name.

NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) requires the purchase of the Nikon SLM SLM Essential Care Support for preventive maintenance, repairs and machine/software updates. This is a Rapid Prototyping Laboratory and our customers expect a rapid turnaround for their projects. Only Nikon SLM Solutions offers support of the Nikon SLM 280 machines from SLM Solutions technicians which are trained specifically for the maintenance and proper function of the equipment.

2. **What is the impact to the government if another vendor/brand is used?** Include any dollar, schedule, or compatibility impacts if possible.

If another vendor other than Nikon SLM Solutions services were used, they would not have unique and proprietary information about the function of the equipment since they are not the manufacturer. Another vendor would also not be able to provide all the research and updates to the machines and the software. No other vendor could perform this work due to the proprietary nature, which may void warranty. Nikon SLM Solutions has provided maintenance and upgrades since equipment was procured.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

[REDACTED]
Technical User Name

2/20/2025
Date

[REDACTED]
Title

Manufacturing Applications Branch
Office

The above justification in pursuant to one of the following (only select one):

☐ - **Recommendation and Determination to Solicit from One Source (RDSS):** For open market purchases, pursuant to FAR 5.101(a)(1), the proposed contract action will be placed on SAM.gov under the authority of FAR 13.106 - 1(b)(1)(i).

☐ - **Recommendation and Determination to Solicit from One Source (RDSS):** For open market purchases, pursuant to FAR 5.101(a)(2), the proposed contraction action was not placed on SAM.gov as oral solicitation will be used to solicit quotation under the authority of FAR 13.106-1(c).

☐ - **Recommendation and Determination to Solicit from One Source (RDSS):** For open market purchases, pursuant to FAR 5.202(a)(2), the proposed contract action is exempt from publication on SAM.gov because the government would be seriously injured if the Agency complies with the time periods specified in FAR 5.203.

☐ - **Brand Name Justification (BNJ):** For open market purchases, pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i), the acquisition of the referenced brand name item is hereby justified. (Under \$25,000)

☐ - **Brand Name Justification (BNJ):** For open market purchases, pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i), the acquisition of the referenced brand name item is hereby justified. Pursuant to FAR 5.201, any contract action over \$25,000 shall be synopsisized in the Government wide Point of Entry (GPE) and the brand name justification must be attached.

☐ **SEWP/IDIQ Brand Name Justification (BNJ):** For schedule/IDIQ purchases, pursuant to FAR 16.505(4)(i)(ii), the acquisition of the referenced brand name item(s) is hereby justified. (under \$30,000)

☐ **SEWP/IDIQ Brand Name Justification (BNJ):** For schedule/IDIQ purchases, pursuant to FAR 16.505(a)(4)(i)(ii)(iii)(A), the acquisition of the referenced brand name item(s) is hereby justified. Any action over \$30,000 the brand name shall be posted on the agency website used to solicit offers for orders.

☐ - **Limited Source Justification (LSJ) Sole Source:** For GSA orders, pursuant to FAR 8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B), only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized. Action will be performed against GSA Contract _____.

☐ - **Limited Source Justification (LSJ) Brand Name:** For GSA orders, pursuant to FAR 8.405-6(b), the item is peculiar to one manufacturer. A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer.

☐ - **Exception to Fair Opportunity (EFO):** For SEWP orders or orders placed against other IDIQ contracts, under the authority of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) and Pursuant to FAR 16.505(b), exemption under FAR 16.505(b)(2) used is based on the following:

- ☐ (A) The agency need for the supplies or services is so urgent that providing a fair opportunity would result in unacceptable delays
- ☐ (B) Only one awardee is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services ordered are unique or highly specialized.
- ☐ (C) The order must be issued on a sole-source basis in the interest of economy and efficiency because it is a logical follow-on to an order already issued under the contract, provided that all awardees were given a fair opportunity to be considered for the original order.

I hereby accept the above stated recommendation and determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available.

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Contracting Officer