

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHN F. KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE

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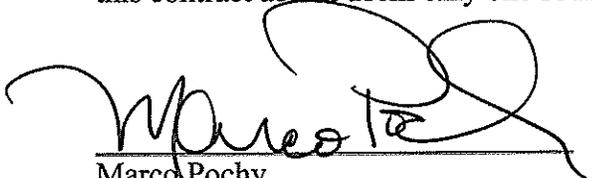
It is recommended that NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center, negotiate only with authorized distributors of Symmetricom, Inc. for the acquisition of a high stability GPS translator/network server. The total estimated cost of this effort is \$39,836.95 and the estimated lead time or delivery date is 7-9 weeks ARO.

This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR 13.106, for the acquisition of supplies and services determined to be reasonably available from only one source. Competition is impractical for the following reasons:

This GPS translator/network server will be integrated into an existing, operational computing infrastructure utilizing Symmetricom hardware. For maximum compatibility and minimum impact to operations, the system must come from the same manufacturer. Past evaluations of competing vendor's hardware resulting in selection of the current vendor based on industry standards, operating systems compatibility, and implementation requirements specific to the existing KSC systems. A brand-name only restriction is required for the purchase of servers to expand the capabilities of the Kennedy Data Center. The system integration and compatibility is essential to the existing infrastructure that currently consists of Symmetricom equipment. If another vendor was utilized, additional costs would be incurred (i.e., personnel, time) due to the need for testing and configuration of another brand of server. The costs associated with these tasks are not expected to be recovered through competition.

Based on the information above, Symmetricom equipment is the only equipment that can meet mission requirements without jeopardizing the department's mission.

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



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