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NASA, John F. Kennedy Space Center (KSC), will negotiate with a Tektronix Authorized vendor only. The acquisition is for (3) Oscilloscope (O-Scope) Model DPO3054.

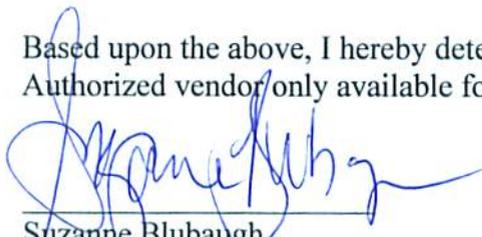
“This is a NASA-KSC commercial acquisition to be accomplished pursuant to FAR Part 13.5 under the authority of Section 4202 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 [10 USC Sec.2304 (g)].” Competition is impractical for the following reasons:

This acquisition is to be used for the Timing and Countdown (T&CD) systems throughout KSC. KSC Timing Operations and Management have Tektronix O-scopes and are familiar with operation of the O-scopes. KSC calibration lab has technicians that calibrate Tektronix DPO model O-scopes. The purchase of different brands creates issues because technicians must be trained in the different oscilloscopes, user manuals for each type of hardware must be stored, calibration technicians must be certified in each brand, and spares must be kept for each brand. Therefore, it is in the best interest of NASA to use the same brand for the technicians’ expertise of the product it may save time and cost that another product will create for the learning curve of the technicians and spares needed for each brand.

On August 12, 2011, a synopsis was publicized on FEDBIZOPPS requesting that interested organizations may submit their capabilities and qualifications. The synopsis produced an inquiry. However, documents provided by the company of their capabilities and qualifications did not meet the requirement. The product did show the capability to handle the RS-422/485 input required by the timing system.

In summary, NASA will purchase through an authorized dealer of Tektronix to maintain uniformity and familiarity of products.

Based upon the above, I hereby determine that the circumstances of the contract action Tektronix Authorized vendor only available for this acquisition.


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Date