

JOHN F. KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL.
BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION
EST. VALUE \$
PR4200484853

I recommend that acquisition be made without permitting full and open competition for the contract action described below:

This acquisition is for an Carestream Health Services HPX-1 Computed Radiography System. Carestream Health Services, Inc. is the only manufacturer of the HPX-1 system that is currently being used at the Kennedy Space Center. Therefore, I recommend that we negotiate only with Carestream Health Services, the only manufacturer, and its distributors for this purchase for the reasons specified below.

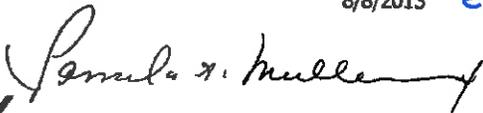
Performing a full and open completion for a new Computed Radiography system would require all of the inspection techniques currently being used to be redeveloped, causing confusion with the personnel as the system's performance characteristics may vary from what is currently being used. Personnel would need to undergo training for the new equipment, resulting in loss of production and additional cost to the government.

Contracting without full and open competition is permitted pursuant to the U.S.C. 2304 because we need an additional unit to support inspections and provide a back-up for a single point failure which could result in a delay in meeting schedules. This facility and unit provides inspection support for critical ground support components and structures and on ELV flight hardware.

Pursuant to FAR 6.303-2(b), I certify that this information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

8/8/2013

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