

JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (OTFAC)
*Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 6 Justification & Approval (J&A), Supporting
Procurements under FAR Part 12, FAR Subpart 13.501, and FAR Part 15*

Purchase Request Number: 4200570749

Contract Number: To be determined

Procurement Title: Acquisition of Helicopter Seats

Estimated Value: '

Statutory Authority: Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements, 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1). (FAR 6.302-1)

Upon the basis of the following justification, I, as the Contracting Officer, hereby approve this brand-name justification for the proposed contractual action pursuant to the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(1) and FAR 6.302-1(c), as the particular brand-name, product, or feature is essential to the Government's requirements, and market research indicates other companies' similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency's needs.

1. REQUIRING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING OFFICE:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Kennedy Space Center

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2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS: A new firm fixed-price contract will be issued to procure a quantity of six helicopter seats.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES: BAE Systems Energy Absorbing Crew Seat (part number 114700-1) is a state of the art, crashworthy crew seat for pilots flying UH-1 helicopters. Because it "strokes", effectively absorbing G forces in a crash, this seat affords far superior crash survivability over the original UH-1 seats (which do not stroke) installed nearly 45 years ago. There are no life-cycle costs other than original procurement.

4. SUPPORTING RATIONALE FOR BRAND-NAME JUSTIFICATION: BAE Systems Energy Absorbing Crew Seat (part number 114700-1) is the only commercially-available energy absorbing replacement for the existing seats in our UH-1H II (Huey II) helicopters. This seat vastly increases the probability of pilot survivability in a crash. If unable to acquire this crew seat, our pilots remain at an increased risk of death or serious injury as a result of a crash.]

s. The vast increase in safety provided by the BAE Systems Energy Absorbing Crew Seat (part number 114700-1) has already proven itself and is widely used in the Federal Government.