

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (OVERSEAS CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES)

1. I recommend that Embassy Jakarta use other than full and open competition for the acquisition of *iPad and an Apple Laptop that can be used to produce and show audio visual material presentation, and are thin, light, powerful and durable enough for American Corner. The laptop also should needs low and easy maintenance, with less possibility of viruses, spam, crashes. The laptop and iPad will be used for American Corner ITB, UNTAN and UMM to produce and show audio visual presentation materials for outreach programs inside and outside the building. The estimated cost is \$14,000*
2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved. *The equipment is for use in the American Corner ITB, UNTAN and UMM.*
3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs. *Purchasing of 15 iPad and one iMac Apple Laptop to support American Corner activities and also for PAS Activities/Mission goals. The laptop from APPLE won't need additional software protections for viruses, spam and crashes, therefore it would need just only basic maintenance which helps us to minimize our time to maintain the equipment.*
4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition. *41 USC 253(c)(1), FAR 6.302-1, Only one brand available in order to satisfy our requirements;*
5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited (for sole source acquisitions; also required for unusual and compelling urgency where more than one offer will not be solicited). *Macbook and iPad from APPLE is the only one brand which fulfills all these requirements:*
 - *Thin, light, and durable enough to take everywhere we go for presentation to support Mission Goals.*
 - *Great battery life Up to 12 Hours of Battery Life (Macbook)*
 - *Up to 10 hours battery life (iPad)*
 - *With USB 3 built into the MacBook , we can connect our external hard drive and transfer large files in seconds instead of minutes*
 - *No need so much upkeep (Mackbook and iPad)*
 - *No need antivirus software to protect from viruses and spam(Macbook & iPad))*
 - *iPad has more than 375,000 apps made just for iPad*
 - *Macbook and iPad are equipped with iCloud technology that enable user to stores their content —music, photos, apps, mail, contacts, calendars, documents, and more — and*

wirelessly pushes it to all your devices. And with Photo Stream, pictures taken on one iOS device automatically appear on all our devices, including our Mac.

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable. The description should include whether a FedBizOps notice was or will be publicized, as required by FAR 5.2, and if not, which exception under FAR 5.202 applies (e.g., blanket waiver provided in DOSAR 605.202-70). *We did a market survey and there is no company which provides a similar service.*
7. A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable. *N/A*
8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted. *N/A*
9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition. *N/A*
10. A listing of sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition. *N/A*
11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required. *The requesting office will continue to follow the market trend on telecommunications to ensure that when other players enter the market we will be able to get the best possible cost for the Government.*

CERTIFICATIONS

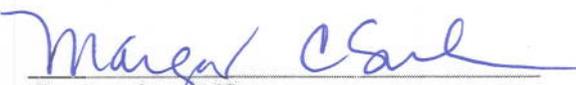
I certify that this justification is accurate and contains complete data necessary to support the recommendation for other than full and open competition.

6/30/14
Date


John Choi
Acting/Cultural Affairs Officer
Public Affairs Section

I certify that this submission is accurate, and that it contains complete information necessary to enable other officials to make an informed recommendation for approval or disapproval.

6/30/2014
Date


Contracting Officer
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