

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

1. I recommend that Embassy Manila use other than full and open competition for the acquisition of Pouch Tags. The estimated cost is \$ 140,000.
2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved.

A contract to supply Pouch Tags for use by Diplomatic Pouch and Mail (DPM) in Washington and all US Embassies worldwide.

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs.

Size	Color	Qty	U-cost	Amount
7" x 4.25"	One color both sides	450,000	\$ 0.24	\$106,071.43
5.5" x 8.5"	Two colors both sides	100,000	\$ 0.29	\$ 29,000.00
4.375" x 2.25"	One color, one side printing	1,000	\$ 0.31	\$ 310.00
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6.25" x 3.125"	One color, one side printing	1,000	\$ 0.31	\$ 310.00

- Material is Tyvek 1082D
 - Die cut to size.
 - Put metal eyelet (3/8" inner diameter) on one end, 1/4" from top edge to edge of eyelet.
 - Pouch tag has to meet the Departments' need to make pouch shipment worldwide to and from the States. It has to be able to withstand extreme weather conditions (for both material and silk screen printing) and rough handling.
 - See attached approval from Washington.
4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.

Only one responsible source and no other supply or service will satisfy agency requirements (FAR 6.302-2)

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).

The material Tyvek 1082D, being supplied by the proposed contractor, Hope Adhesive is the only supply that will meet the Departments minimum needs. An award to other than the proposed sole source contractor and the approved brand would be an unacceptable technical risk. The material and printing method (silk screen) used by Hope Adhesive can withstand extreme weather conditions and rough handling needed as required by pouch tags.

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 FedBizOpps 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).

The agency's past requirements were posted/published in C&P website for a minimum of ten (10) days.

7. A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

Cost is determined to be fair and reasonable, based on the comparison of offers received from other contractors.

8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted.

Market Survey was conducted by C&P before. Two (2) other contractors expressed an interest in the requirement. They were asked to submit samples for evaluation. Only one vendor submitted a sample, but was determined to be unacceptable due to printing process being used.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.

Hope Adhesive sample was the only sample approved by DPM which tested the sample for its strength and durability. Other vendor provided sample with digital print which deteriorates in time. Thus, it was deemed technically unacceptable. The proposed sole contractor's printing method (silk screen) can withstand extreme weather conditions and rough handling needed as required by pouch tags, which makes it technically acceptable.

10. A listing of sources, if any that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.

- None

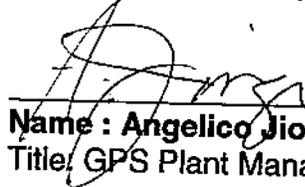
11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required.

The Department will request another batch of sample from interested vendors. Each sample will be sent to DPM for testing and approval. The result of evaluation (approval/disapproval) will be documented, accordingly.

CERTIFICATIONS

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

5-9-2012
Date


Name : **Angelico Jiongco**
Title: GPS Plant Manager

Requirements Office

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.

Date


Name: **Ms. Nenita V. Whitaker** *WV*
Contracting Officer

I certify that the national security concerns of the referenced acquisition(s) meet the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12958 and FAR 6.302-6.*

Date

Name
Chief, Controls Division
Office of Intelligence Liaison
Directorate for Coordination
Bureau of Intelligence and Research

Or

Name
Chief, Information Security Program Division
Office of Information Security Technology
Bureau of Diplomatic Security

*Only required when the justification is under the authority of FAR 6.302-6 and DOSAR 606.302-6, National Security. Reference DOSAR 606.302-6(c)(1) for the appropriate signatory authority and for additional information that must be included in the justification when using this statutory authority.