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**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN
COMPETITION (OVERSEAS CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES)
PR9699913: AC-NEC Fire Pump end of life replacement**

1. I recommend that U.S. Embassy-Djibouti use other than full and open competition for the acquisition of services: from ***Spectrum Electric, LLC*** the proposed cost is \$211,634.15
2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved: *This contract will provide required services, repair, and replacement of critical parts. The existing fire and jockey pump controllers are past their life cycle and in need of replacement. The project will replace these old items with newer versions, complete installation, and commissioning. Currently the fire pump is out of service which impacts the automatic sprinkler system found on the compound. The compound currently does not have any sprinkler protection in any buildings. This repair is critical and of utmost importance to be completed in a timely manner.*
3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs: *The services which are to be provided are for the disabled fire pump. The contractor will provide all parts, labor, and annual maintenance of the fire pump. The repair parts were listed by OBO/FIRE and sent directly to the contractor for pricing. The contractor is currently on the IDIQ Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) Contract coordinated through OBO/FIRE DC.*
4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition: 41 USC 253 (1) –Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency 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): *The contractor has extensive knowledge of the required tasks to be performed as they have always performed on schedule. The automatic sprinkler systems are not working (charged) due to the fire pump being out of commission. The fire alarm systems are active. This is considered an emergency repair as the sprinkler systems are inactive. The contractor's understanding of the fire pump (contractor has been to post in the past and has performed the annual inspection and testing of the pump), has most parts readily available, and has capacity to perform the repair soon after the NTP.*
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): *This contractor is cleared with Overseas Building Operation and has the unique knowledge how to service the equipment. This contractor has performed numerous repairs and maintenance on posts throughout OBO and has always performed well above average. Therefore, no FedBizOpps Notice was published for this contract solicitation.*

7. A determination that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable: Please refer to paragraph six (6) above.
8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted. Please refer to paragraphs five (5) and six (6) above.
9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition: This is the most reliable and efficient authorized contractor which has knowledge of the fire pump and the procedures of post. The contractor has been to post numerous times providing routine maintenance and other minor repairs to the fire pump and associated equipment.
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: This action is considered an emergency repair project to critical life safety systems.

CERTIFICATIONS

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

2/2/2021
Date



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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.

2/4/2021
Date



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