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LOUISVILLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1. **Contracting Agency:** US Army Engineer District, Corps of Engineers, PO Box 59, Louisville, KY 40202-0059.

2. **Description of Action:** This Justification and Approval (J&A) is prepared to support the requirement for Best Locksets as a mandatory brand-name component for all door units within the Building 27 renovation project at the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) in Columbus,OH. The Government will not directly purchase the locksets; rather, the brand-name specification will be incorporated into the Design-Bid-Build construction solicitation, resulting in a Firm-Fixed-Price contract. The construction contract is planned to be awarded under IFB Small Business Set Aside solicitation, using FY26 Defense Working Capital funding O&M /SRM.

3. **Description of the Supplies/Service:** The construction contract solicitation will include a mandatory brand-name requirement for Best Locksets. This requirement is for the installation of locksets that must achieve complete compatibility with the current facility keying system and established standards. Specifically, the new locksets must integrate seamlessly with the existing Master Key and Grand Master Key infrastructure, as coordinated and controlled by Facilities Management. The estimated value of this J&A is approximately $[redacted] The estimated value of the contract is [redacted] which includes the cost of the components covered in this J&A. This portion of the J&A is .17% of the total contract.

4. **Authority Cited:** The statutory authority permitting acquisition of the requirement by other than full and open competition is 10 U.S.C. § 2304 (c) (1) as implemented by RFO 6.103-1, only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements. This authority is applicable to brand name acquisitions in accordance with RFO 6.103-1(d).

5. Reason for Authority Cited:

a. **Background:** The Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) utilizes a facility-wide Best Locksets master key system across the majority of its buildings, including the existing door infrastructure in Building 27. This system is critical for installation-wide physical security protocols.

b. **Justification:** To maintain this essential, integrated Master Key System and ensure operational security and consistency across the installation, all new locksets must be of the Best Locksets brand. No viable alternative brand of lockset equipment can accept the proprietary key blanks used within the existing master key architecture, nor can any other brand properly integrate into this standardized system. Use of a different brand would necessitate the creation and management of a separate, incompatible keying system for Building 27, resulting in an unacceptable security and operational burden on Facilities Management.

c. Alternatives: No alternatives sought for reasons cited above, as the compatibility requirement is mandatory.

d. Impact: The Best Locksets brand equipment is the only product line capable of meeting the requirement for seamless integration into the existing facility-wide master key system.

6. **Efforts to Obtain Competition:** None. In accordance with RFO 5.101(b)1(i), a presolicitation notice for the sole-source of a proposed contract action at or below the simplified acquisition threshold is not required if it is posted to the GPE in accordance with RFO 5.201 and the public is permitted to respond to the solicitation publicly.

7. **Actions to Increase Competition:** This acquisition represents a single, finite requirement for a specific brand necessary to ensure compatibility with existing Government-owned infrastructure. Consequently, there are no feasible actions to increase future competition for this specific requirement.

8. **Market Research:** A technical review concluded that Best Locksets are the only commercially available product line fully compatible with the DSCC's existing master key system. Although the brand is mandatory, the products themselves are available commercially through multiple distributors, which supports competition among potential construction contractors/installers.

9. **Interested Sources:** As stated in Paragraph 6, this document will be updated with the results of the Notice of Intent. This J&A will be posted with issuance of the solicitation in accordance with RFO 5.201(c)(3).

10. **Other Factors:** N/A

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11. **Technical Certification: I** certify that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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12. **Requirements Certification:** I hereby determine that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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13. **Fair and Reasonable Cost Determination/Contracting Officer Certification:** I hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government for Best Locksets will be fair and reasonable based on comparison with the existing contract prices and/or established catalog prices for similar items. I further certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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14. **Legal Review and Concurrence:** I hereby determine that the information herein is legally sufficient, and I concur with the sole source procurement.

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