

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL  
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

1. The U.S. Department of State (DoS) Office of Acquisition Management (AQM) is conducting this acquisition for Authentication software on behalf of DoS Information Resource Management, Systems Integrity Division
2. **Nature and/or description of the action being approved:** New Purchase Order for commercial items – Identity Authentication software, for use on the Department's unclassified network.
3. **A description of the supplies or services required to meet the Department's needs:** The Department has a requirement for EID Authentication software to be used on the Department's network. The required specifications are as follows:
  - 21 - EIDAuthenticate Enterprise Operating System: Windows Server 2003 One year support included
  - 400 - EIDAuthenticate Enterprise Operating System: Windows Server 2008 One year support included
4. **An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition:** 41 USC 253(g) and FAR 13.106(b), Only One Responsible Source (Brand Name)
5. **A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited:** The Department has an immediate need to combat the persistent and continuing attack against its network. This software will provide the additional log-on security requirements for local systems administrators as mandated by HSPD-12.
6. **A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable:** A Combined Synopsis solicitation will be issued under FAR Subpart 12.6 procedures. The Combined Synopsis/Solicitation will include this Justification, and will be publicized on FedBizOpps in accordance with FAR Subpart 5.102(a)(6).
7. **A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable:** The Contracting Officer will make a fair and reasonable price determination in accordance with FAR 13.106-3, and will be based on competitive quotations, market research, comparison of previous purchase prices found reasonable, or a comparison with similar items in related industry.
8. **A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted:** EID Authenticate is the only software known to interface with the existing PKI infrastructure. The process required to

determine any other brand to be acceptable would delay, which would have a serious detrimental effect on the mission. Therefore, no additional market research was conducted.

9. **Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition: N/A**
10. **A listing of sources 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: N/A**