

Mini Justification and Approval Document

FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION OF
requirements not exceeding \$550,000

1. Contracting Activity:

U.S. Research, Development and Engineering Command
Contracting Center (RDECOMCC)
Aberdeen Contracting Division
Branch B
4118 Susquehanna Avenue
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-3013

2. Description of Action: REF Project CATAMOUNT

Requirement: New Repeat
Pricing: Firm-Fixed Price Time & Materials Cost
Funds: OMA Other Funds:

Name of Intended Contractor: AeroVironment
Street Address: 900 Enchanted Way
City, State, Zip: Simi Valley, CA, 93065

3. Description of Services: The estimated value of the proposed action is \$ 490,257.00.

Describe below the services or supplies, including make & model number, to be acquired.

The contractor will provide 90 days OCONUS support to train and maintain the proprietary PUMA AE systems which were competitively purchased and ordered via SOCOM contract H92222-08-D-0048. These PUMA systems will be provided to the unit and ready for operation on 01 August 2009. This training is needed to ensure that the units can operate and repair them in a timely manner to meet mission requirements. The OCONUS support will come in the following form based upon contractor's packaged offerings:

- 30 Day OCONUS Support Team (30 Days In Theater. 1x Trainer, 1x Maintenance Technician)
- 60 Day OCONUS Support Team (60 Days In Theater. 1x Trainer, 1x Maintenance Technician)
- a Predeployment CRC training course will be mandatory for contractors to attend

4. Authority Cited: (Identify the statutory authority, FAR title and FAR citation permitting other than full and open competition. It may be one of the following.)

- (a) 10 USC 2304(c)(1) or 41 USC 253(c)(1); FAR 6.302-1: Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements OR
- (b) 10 USC 2304(c)(2) or 41 USC 253(c)(2); FAR 6.302-2: Unusual and compelling urgency.

5. Reason for Authority Cited: (State why this is the only source that can provide the required supplies or services.)

- (a) Services can only be provided from the original source as this is a follow-on requirement for the continued provision of highly specialized services.
- (b) Award to any other source would result in substantial duplication of cost to the

Government that is not expected to be recovered through competition.

(c) Services/Supplies are needed immediately to satisfy mission requirements.

(i) What harm will come to the Government if desired supplies/services are not provided on time?

Without this training, the PUMA AE operators (U.S. Soldiers) would be unable to effectively evaluate enemy threats and disseminate potentially life saving information to operational commanders using the PUMA AE systems. This training will increase the operational effectiveness and survivability of U.S. Forces.

(ii) What harm will come to the Government if desired contractor doesn't receive the award?

No other contractor has technical knowledge of this proprietary system, the PUMA AE, and therefore no other contractor can conduct adequate training and maintenance of this system in theater. Additionally, AeroVironment has trainers currently prepared to deploy by the required date of 01 August 2009.

6. Actions to Increase Competition: (State what actions will be taken to increase competition before subsequent acquisition of the supplies or services is required.)

REF is conducting market research to determine if any other source could perform this effort in the future.

A synopsis was issued to Federal Business Opportunities on 23 June 2009 announcing the Army's intent to award this requirement on a sole source basis. To date, no responses have been received. Any responses received will be reviewed and consideration given as to if a competition to fulfill this requirement is possible.

7. Procurement History:

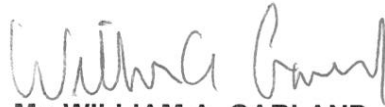
Previous Contract or Purchase Order Number: H92222-08-D-0048

Previously competed? N/A No Yes

Previous authority for less than Full & Open Competition: N/A

SOCOM's original contract was designed for their very specific mission and training requirements. SOCOM has permitted REF to leverage the contract for procurement of the systems, however, the type of support that REF requires (training and maintenance) cannot be fulfilled utilizing SOCOM's contract. REF is on a very short timeline and has time-sensitive mission needs - including system training and in-theater maintenance support.

8. Technical / Requirements Certification: I certify that the support data under my cognizance which are included in this mini-J&A are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Submitted By: 
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Date:

81750.FY09.0108 Army Rapid Equipping Force OCONUS Support

<u>CLIN</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
0001	ARMY TRAINING	(b)	(4)		
0002	OCONUS MAINTENANCE				
0003	CRC TRAINING				
0004	DATA				
0005	TRAVEL				
TOTAL ARMY RAPID EQUIPPING FORCE TRAINING					