

## **JUSTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

**1. Identification of the Agency:** Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration  
75 Barrett Heights Road  
Stafford, VA 22556

**2. Description of Action:**

The proposed action is for procurement of Brand Name products in support of Fort Logan National Cemetery Irrigation Repair. This Justification and Authority includes the only the brand name products to be used as part of a larger effort to repair the irrigation system. This justification is covering only the portion of the acquisition which is brand-name or peculiar to one manufacturer. Repair services will be solicited in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) part 12 Acquisition of Commercial Items and FAR Part 13 Simplified Acquisition Procedures as a set aside for small business. The use of Brand Name descriptions in the acquisition or portion of this acquisition is essential to the Government's requirements, thereby precluding consideration of a product manufactured by another company. The Brand Name products include the following:

- a. Rain Bird Corporation, ESP-SAT series irrigation satellite controllers
- b. TRC Irrigation Remotes, Part No. 01060
- c. TRC Commander Transmitter for TRC Irrigation Remotes, Part No. 01060.

**3. Description of Supplies:**

Provide all labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary to replace seventeen (17) irrigation system satellite controllers per the scope of work as submitted on the purchase request for Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. A majority of the existing Rain Bird ESP-SAT satellite controllers and TRC irrigation remote controllers have previously failed and repaired due to age and various electrical issues. If the satellite controllers are not replaced, the cemetery will eventually reach a point where it will not be able to repair the controllers which will result in not being able to effectively irrigate a majority of the turf grass acreage which in turn will cause severe damage to the turf grass with the turf grass eventually dying.

- a. Rain Bird Corporation, ESP-SAT series irrigation satellite controllers, models ESP-12SAT-2S, ESP-24SAT-2S, ESP-40SAT-2S 100% compatible with the existing Rain Bird Site Control central irrigation controller software.
- b. TRC Irrigation Remotes, Part No. 01060, compatible with Rain Bird ESP-SAT series satellite controllers and existing TRC Irrigation Remotes currently installed,.
- c. TRC Commander Transmitter for TRC Irrigation Remotes, Part No. 01060.

**4. Identification of Statutory Authority:** The Statutory Authority permitting other than full and open competition is 41 U.S.C 3304 (a)(1) as implemented by FAR Subpart 6.302-1(c) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services will Satisfy Agency Requirements.

**5. Rationale Supporting Use of Authority Cited Above:**

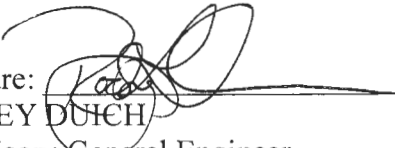
The replacement components must be 100% compatible in all aspects (form, fit, and function) with existing irrigation system and irrigation control system presently installed. The equipment and the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface directly with the existing computerized irrigation control system by Rain Bird Corporation. Proprietary data requirements limit the competition and these are "direct replacement" parts/components for existing equipment.

**6. Efforts to Obtain Competition:**

The requirement for irrigation repair includes Brand Name products which are included in this Justification and Authority however, the repair service component of this procurement will be competed and posted on the Federal Business Opportunity website.

**7. Technical and Requirements Certification:**

I certify that all supporting technical data under my cognizance, which form the basis for this justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature:   
RODNEY DUICH  
Supervisory General Engineer,  
National Cemetery Administration, Continental District, Denver

Date: 23 JUL 2015

**8. Determination of Fair and Reasonable:**

I hereby determine that the anticipated price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable in accordance with FAR 15.404-1 Proposal analysis techniques.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNE T. DITCH  
Contracting Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Contracting Officer Certification:**

In accordance with FAR subpart 6.303-2(b) (12), I hereby certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANNE T. DITCH  
Contracting Officer  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration  
Stafford, VA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_