



Department of  
Veterans Affairs

# Memorandum

## **“Justification for other than full and open competition.”**

**(1) Identification of the agency and the contracting activity,**

National Cemetery Administration, Great Lakes National Cemetery

**(2) Nature and/or description of the action being approved.**

Sole source award of grounds maintenance to Mackinac Island State Park Commission

**(3) A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency’s needs (including the estimated value).**

Grounds maintenance: mowing and trimming; collecting and removing all trash, tree limbs, as well as any other debris, such as dead or unsightly flowers; leaf collection; fertilization and weed control; seeding/overseeding; headstone maintenance and cleaning; headstone field adjustment, resetting, and realignment; flag pole touch-up painting; and daily flag flying.

**(4) An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.**

FAR 11.105(a)(a): Items peculiar to one manufacturer

**(5) A demonstration that the proposed contractor’s unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.**

Public law 101-237 Section 505 requires that the State of Michigan operate and maintain the Post Cemetery.

**(6) A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable, including whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by [Subpart 5.2](#) and, if not, which exception under [5.202](#) applies.**

Does not apply.

**(7) A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.**

The price has remained the same for 6 years.

**(8) A description of the market research conducted (see Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.**

None done.

**(9) Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition, such as:**

**(i) Explanation of why technical data packages, specifications, engineering descriptions, statements of work, or purchase descriptions suitable for full and open competition have not been developed or are not available.**

(ii) When [6.302-1](#) is cited for follow-on acquisitions as described in [6.302-1\(a\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#), an estimate of the cost to the Government that would be duplicated and how the estimate was derived.

(iii) When [6.302-2](#) is cited, data, estimated cost, or other rationale as to the extent and nature of the harm to the Government.

**(10) A listing of the 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.**

None.

**(12) Contracting officer certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief.**

Signed:

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Contracting Officer, Date