



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:

Contracting Officer, Date