

**JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE SOURCE AWARDS IAW FAR 13.106-1**

IAW [FAR13.104](#), COs must promote competition to the maximum extent practicable to obtain supplies and services from the source whose offer is the most advantageous to the Government, considering the administrative cost of the purchase. When competition is not practicable, IAW [FAR13.106-1\(b\)](#), COs solicit from a single source for purchases not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. COs may solicit from one source if the CO determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization). Note: Statements such as "only known source" or "only source which can meet the required delivery date" are inadequate to support a sole source purchase.

**Request For Quote:**  
VA119A-17-Q-0296

**1A.PROJECT/ TASK**  
**NUMBER: N/A**

**1B.**

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED AND THE INTENDED USE:**

The following is a justification to limit competition based on specific brand name required for the lease of four (4) Chevrolet Suburbans. The vehicles are to be used by the Executive Protection Team to transport the Secretary and Associate Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The requirement is for a firm-fixed price lease contract. The period of performance will be one 12-month base, plus two (2) 12-month options.

**3. UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT LIMIT AVAILABILITY TO ONLY ONE SOURCE, WITH THE REASON NO OTHER SUPPLIES OR SERVICES CAN BE USED:**

(1) The Suburban has a maximum cargo area of 121.7 cubic foot (cu. ft.) whereas the Sequoia has 120.1 cu. ft. and the Expedition has 108.3 cu. ft. The Suburban has slightly more passenger room as well which allows for easier deployment of security personnel in the event of an emergency while providing ample room for all luggage, equipment, etc.

(2) The Suburban has a higher fuel tank capacity allowing for further travel on a single tank of gas (as much as 75 miles further) and provides the highest fuel economy on both the highway (22 miles per gallon [mpg] and in the city (15 mpg). The fuel economy for the Sequoia rates as 17 mpg for highway and 13 mpg for city while the Expedition rates as 20 mpg for highway and 14 mpg for city. The better mileage provides the lower cost fuel option for the Secretary.

(3) The Suburban has an overall height of 74.4 inches which is approximately 3 inches lower than the Sequoia and 4 inches lower than the Expedition, providing a lower profile for protection. The Suburban has an overall wider stance of 80.5 inches versus 79.9 and 78.8, respectively. The lower height, combined with the wider stance, provides the Suburban a lower center of gravity, reducing the rollover risk in the event of a high speed egress.

(4) The executive protection team and the vehicle drivers train and practice using the equipment configuration currently in use in the Chevrolet Suburban. Altering the configuration of the in cab equipment could result in confusion and delayed response time.

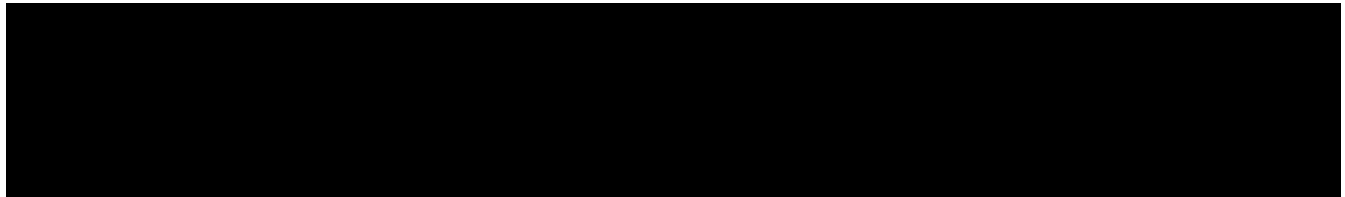
**4. REASON THAT SUGGESTED SOURCE IS THE ONLY SOURCE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES:**

There is a reasonable expectation that 2 or more veteran owned small businesses are capable of furnishing the required vehicles.

**5. DESCRIPTION OF MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND RESULTS OR STATEMENT WHY IT WAS NOT CONDUCTED:**

Market research included a search of Vendor Information Pages (VIP.va.gov) and a search of General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedules (FSS). Market research indicates that there is a reasonable expectation that two or more Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB) can perform this work. This requirement will be set-aside 100% for VOSB and solicited on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website.

**6. Technical Representative Certification:** The information provided in this request is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



**7. Contracting Officer's Certification:** Based on the information provided above, in accordance with FAR 11.105(a)(1) and FAR 13.106-1 (b), I hereby determine the proposed source is the only source reasonably available. Further, in accordance with FAR 13.106-3 (a)(2), I hereby determine that the anticipated price of this order will be fair and reasonable prior to award. I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

