



## DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE

RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD  
USPFO-RI/Purchasing & Contracting Division  
Camp Fogarty/Sun Valley Armory  
2841 South County Trail, Route 2, Building #235  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

### “JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (FAR 6.3)”

To: Contracting Activity: USPFO-RI/Purchasing & Contracting Division, 2841 South County Trail, Building #235, East Greenwich, RI 02818

1. Description of Action Being Approved: Describe whether this is a sole source, brand name, or both.

- ☐ Sole source vendor (only one vendor makes the product or service) or;  
☒ Sole source brand name item: (only one brand will fit your need); or  
☐ Both

2. Description of Supplies/Services: This J&A authorizes and approves the award of a sole-source contract/order to (enter vendor name here, and or product/service to be procured):

What is the description of the Item or Service that you are requesting?

Renewal of the service plan, for the ADHOC alert system currently used in Rhode Island as an individual, group, and mass notification system. Plan includes: (1) product license & annual fee - Software Assurance and Technical Support (SATS) IWSAlerts™ V6 Express Ed. (1) Annual Fee - Communication Services, Telephony Comm Service - Phone, SMS, Fax, TTY/TDD (Per Shared Line) w/ Burst Capability.

3. Statutory Authority Permitting Other Than Full and Open Competition: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is 10 U.S.C. Section 2304 (c)(1), as implemented by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 6.302-1, Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements.

4. Rationale Justifying Use of Cited Statutory Authority: (state why this is a sole source/brand name requirement in significant detail):

a. This is the only supply/product that will meet our requirement because:  
The ADHOC alert system currently used in RI is mandated by National Guard Bureau (NGB) policy. The services are necessary to service and provide maintenance of the system when needed. The ADHOC alert system is the only product of its kind listed on the Department of Defense Information Network (DoDIN) Approved Product List (APL) for a mass notification system and is the only system authorized to connect to the RIARNG's information network.

b. This is the only contractor that can provide the desired Service because:

5. Description of Efforts Made to Solicit Offers from as Many Offerors as Possible: (enter a detailed description of all market research necessary to support the sole source/brand name. Describe the research that has been done in trying to find an acceptable alternative product or service. **Attach** any information such as website printouts, catalog pictures, copies of past contracts, other government agencies information, or direct NGB issue letter. Any market research that supports your justification and explanation of why the alternative product does not meet the need. See AtHoc APL approval memo dated 1NOV2018.

Referenced the DoD Approved Products List for authorized mass notification products. AtHoc was the only mass notification system listed on the APL. AtHoc Approval was granted on 1 NOV 2018.

6. Determination of Fair and Reasonable Cost: The Contracting Officer has determined the anticipated cost to the Government of the supplies/services covered by this J&A is fair and reasonable. The fair and reasonableness of the cost/price will be based on price competition.

7. Actions to Remove Barriers to Future Competition: (state whether or not there are any future plans to allow for full and open competition for this requirement, and provide reason. The NGRI-IMD G6, 2841 South County Trail, Bldg 235, East Greenwich, RI 02818-1728 would consider utilizing any vendor who can provide service plans (1) Product License & Annual Fee - Software Assurance and Technical Support (SATS) IWSAlerts™ V6 Express Ed. (1) Annual Fee - Communication Services, Telephony Comm Service - Phone, SMS, Fax, TTY/TDD (Per Shared Line) w/ Burst Capability.

#### CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL

I certify that the facts and representations under my cognizance, which are included in this Justification and its supporting acquisition planning documents, except as noted herein, are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

#### **Requesting Activity Authority (Unit Commander):**

(Signature)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_6 MAR 2019\_\_

Printed Name and Phone No: TETREAUULT, ROLAND M., COL, DCSIM/G6, 275-4140

#### **Contracting Officer Certification:**

I certify that this Justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_