

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

1. The Department of State Office of Acquisition Management (AQM) is conducting this acquisition on behalf of DS/IP/OPO for local guard services at the U.S. Mission Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg, Vladivostok and Yekaterinburg). The estimated costs are [REDACTED], for 12 months of service.

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

The action to be approved is the award of a sole source contract to Elite Security Holding Co.

Guard services are currently provided under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) direct-hire mechanism.

The government of Russia is expelling a large number of diplomatic personnel from the U.S. Mission which includes Moscow, St. Petersburg, Vladivostok and Yekaterinburg. The deadline for this reduction is September 1, 2017. The current PSA guards are included in the expulsion and the only option available, to ensure security services continue, is via a commercial contract.

Mission Russia, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Office of Overseas Protective Operations, in coordination with the Office of Acquisitions Management, seek approval to award a sole-source contract for local guard services at the U.S. Mission to Russia to Elite Security Holding Co.

The subject contract will be for a base period of one year.

3. A description of the services required to meet the agency's needs.

Local guard security services are required to ensure a safe and secure environment for U.S. Mission Russia to conduct its foreign policy mission. Local guards possess critical training and competencies that enable the Mission's daily operations. Local guards prevent unauthorized access, protect life, maintain order, and deter criminal attacks against employees, dependents, and property as well as terrorist acts against all U.S. assets, and damage to Government property. The local guards are essential as an early warning signal to all Mission locations and to the Regional Security Officer.

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

The statutory authority is 41 U.S.C. § 253(c)(2). The regulatory authority is FAR Section 6.302-2, Unusual and compelling urgency.

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.

The Department of State's essential need for security services is of such an unusual and compelling urgency that the Mission is significantly impacted unless the agency is permitted to limit the number of sources from which it solicits proposals.

Elite Security Holding Co. is currently licensed in Russia as a private security firm and is performing security services in all four locations where State Department requires services.

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.

It is the Government's intention to solicit and compete the follow-on requirement for guard services. The Office of Acquisitions Management and Diplomatic Security have a Service Level Agreement in place that reflects follow-on local guard contracts are estimated at 18 months for award.

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

A cost analysis is required to establish fair and reasonable pricing before award of the contract.

8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.

The Government contacted more than three U.S.-based private security firms to determine whether licensing and capabilities existed in Russia. No U.S. firm has been located with the requisite licensing or desire to operate in-country.

Market research was then conducted on Russian firms. There are additional security firms licensed in Russia; however, no company other than Elite Security Holding Co. has pre-established and licensed operations in all four Mission locations (Moscow, Vladivostok, St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg). Other security companies may be interested in a follow-on competitively awarded contract, but in the immediate-term, these companies do not possess the licensing or capacity to perform.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition.

U.S. Mission Russia cannot operate with a break in local guard services. Security for the U.S. Mission is of the utmost importance. A lapse in local guard service could cripple Mission operations and jeopardize the safety and security of the Mission and its personnel.

10. A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.

Due to the urgency of this requirement, the Department of State sought a firm with the requisite licensing and capacity to quickly stand-up guard operations at all four U.S. Mission Russia posts. The number of firms that met this requirement limited the number of sources considered to one – Elite Security Services Holding Co.

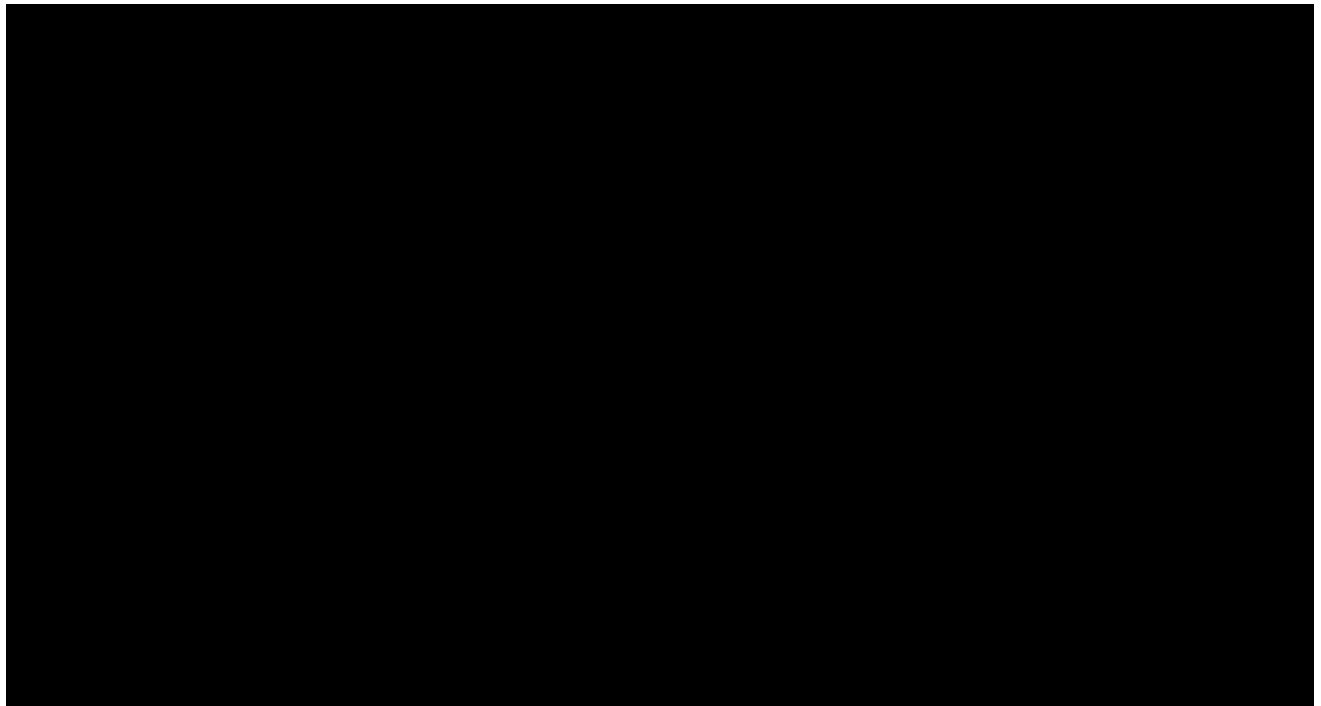
11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required. Include a statement that this J&A for other than full and open competition will be published on FedBizOpps in accordance with FAR Section 6.305 within 14 days of award (or within 30 days if the J&A is for unusual and compelling urgency.)

Under FAR Section 6.305(b), this notice will be posted on FedBizOpps within thirty (30) days of award. Furthermore, AQM promotes competition for award of all local guard contracts. Acquisition Management is currently and will continue to compete this requirement to the fullest practicable extent necessary for the subsequent acquisition.

CERTIFICATIONS

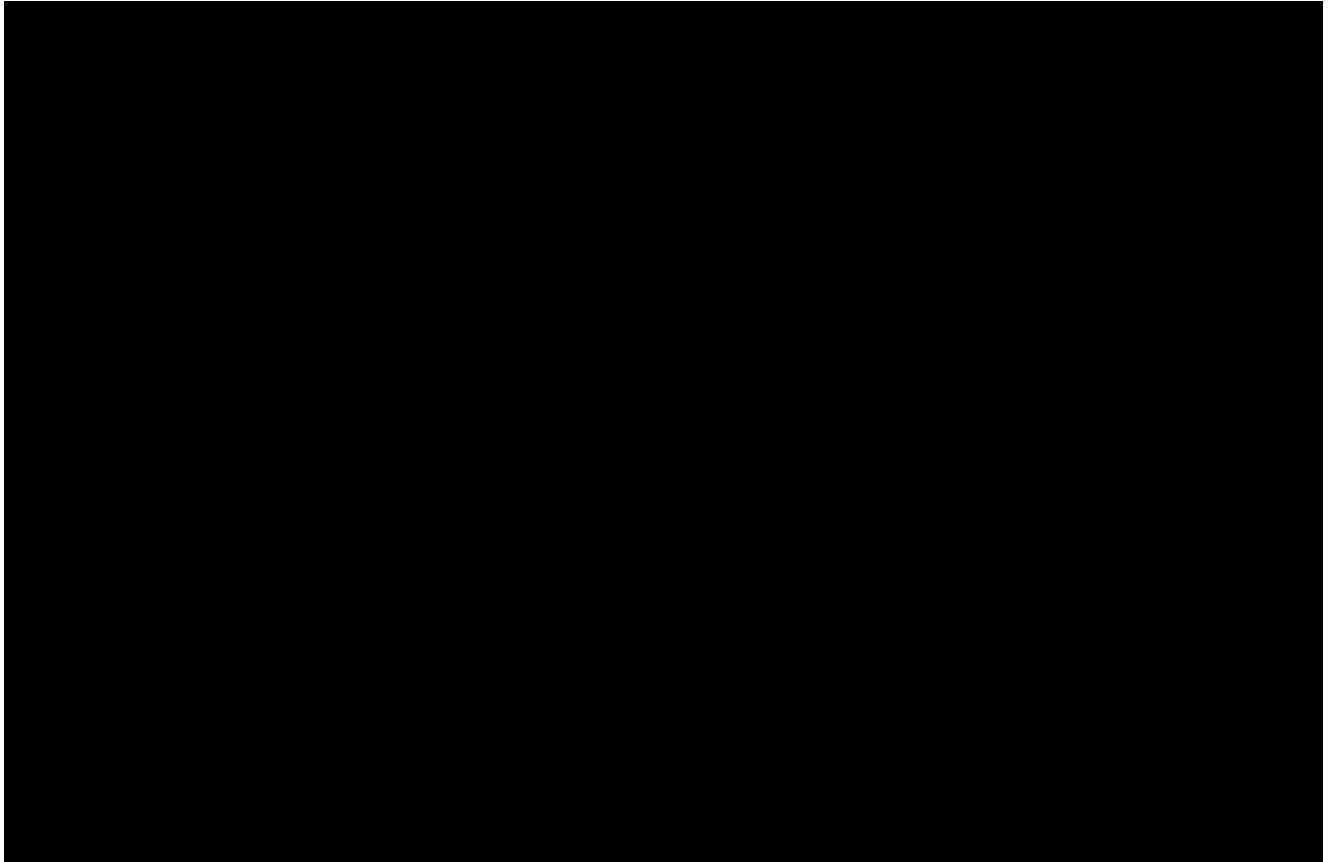
TECHNICAL AND REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATON REQUIRED BY FAR 6.303-2(b):

As Technical Representative of the requiring office, I have reviewed the information provided in support of this Justification and Approval to procure using other than full and open competition. I certify that the data provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



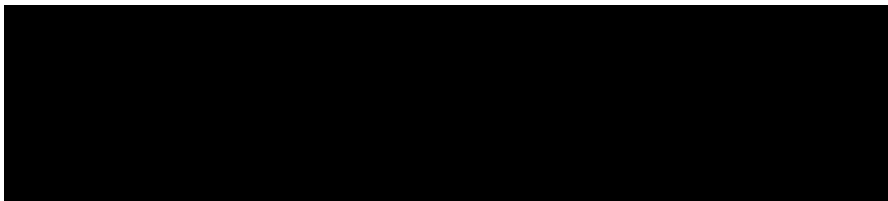
CONTRACTING OFFICER CERTIFICATION REQUIRED BY FAR 6.303-2(a)(12):

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



APPROVALS

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