

NONCOMPETITIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's)

1. **Contracting Agency and Activity.** The Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants, Reston Acquisition Branch, plans to contract on a sole source basis.
2. **Nature of Action Being Approved.** The requested procurement is for award of a new contract to Mustang Survival.
3. **Description of Supplies or Services.** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Water Resources Division, Hydrologic Instrumentation Facility (HIF), request award of a non-competitive procurement to Mustang Survival, Inc. for purchase of ANSI-standard personal floatation devices (PFD's) with the USGS identifier. These PFD's [REDACTED] are used for safety compliance under ANSI standards for USGS employees working around water and on bridges.
4. **Estimated Dollar Value.** The estimated value of this procurement is [REDACTED]. This procurement is for a single award with no options.
5. **Statutory Authority.** The proposed action may be awarded on a sole source basis in accordance with FAR 6.302-1.
6. **Rationale Supporting Use of Citation in No. 5.** Demonstrate that the proposed contractor is the only source reasonably available (e.g., urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand name or industrial mobilization).

Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements. Mustang Survival, Inc. is the only manufacturer of PFDs that meets ANSI/ISEA Class II standards for PFD's and are approved for use by USGS.

As outlined in USGS Information Sheet OMS-SHMB 09-03, dated January 2009, a USGS Work Group has determined that, in order to provide the highest degree of protection for our employees, a PFD meeting ANSI Class II standards is required for use.

7. **Other Information.** Mustang Survival is the only known manufacturer/supplier for the required PFD's.
8. **The Efforts to Identify Additional Sources Including the Market Research Conducted.**

As other PFD's become approved for use by USGS safety offices, they will be considered for use.

9. **Future Plans to Permit Competition.** In general, to promote competition, HIF continually tests new devices as they become available on the market. HIF routinely attends vendor conferences, trade shows, meetings, and conferences where vendors are present. HIF also attends local Business and Procurement Expositions in order to make vendors aware of USGS needs and business opportunities. HIF encourages vendors to develop and submit products that meet USGS requirements. In addition, HIF promotes visits from vendors to demonstrate and provide information about their products. If HIF identifies any other potential sources of supply for PFD's, we will forward the information to the appropriate safety offices for consideration.

10. Recommendation Program Office

Based on the above, I recommend this acquisition be conducted on a sole source basis.