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Subject: Justification for Exchange Engineer.

This is Justification for the Exchange Engineer.

Justification:

- 1) A search was performed to find an adequately qualified technical expert with relevant EMC SRDF SAN implementation and Microsoft Exchange expertise. In addition, we looked for project experience in the implementation of disaster recovery using these specific technologies which are identical to the EOP's installed technologies. The EOP requires this set of rare skills to establish a recoverable email architecture. The EOP has been unsuccessful in establishing recoverable email for well over a year since migrating to Exchange and the acquisition of the EMC SRDF SAN technology. This is an urgent requirement to support the mission requirements or our primary client given the recent and frequent outages of the Dakota datacenter. We found no other service disable veteran owned small businesses that were able to deliver this particular expertise.
- 2) The award amount is less than \$3 million dollars..
- 3) The service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern is owned and operated by a retired military officer. It is believed to be profitable and responsible concern.
- 4) Based on prevailing market rates (and rates paid by the EOP for highly skilled experts in other parts of OCIO) for experts with rare skills and experience, the hour rate is very reasonable.

He based his Justification above on the following FAR section:

According to FAR 19.1406 - Sole source awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. -

(a) A contracting officer may award contracts to service-disabled

veteran-owned small business concerns on a sole source basis (see

19.501(d) and 6.302-5), provided-

(1) Only one service-disabled veteran-owned small business

concern can satisfy the requirement;

(2) The anticipated award price of the contract (including

options) will not exceed-

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- (i) \$5 million for ¿ requirement within the NAICS codes for manufacturing; or
- (ii) \$3 million for a requirement within any other NAICS code;
- (3) The service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern has been determined to be a responsible contractor with respect to performance; and
- (4) Award can be made at a fair and reasonable price.
- (b) The SBA has the right to appeal the contracting officer's decision not to make a service-disabled veteran-owned small business sole source award.

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