

JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION (Unusual and Compelling Urgency)

1. Identification of the agency and the Contracting Activity

The U.S. Department of State, Office of Acquisition Management, is processing this acquisition at the request of the Department of State Major Events and Conferences Staff (M/MECS) in support of the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit event hosted by the president in Washington DC.

The estimated cost to provide digital signage and charging stations within the Walter E. Washington Convention Center for this event is: **\$10,000.00**

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

The United States will host a Nuclear Security Summit meeting at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, managed by Events DC, Washington, DC in early April 2016. The Department of State is a Licensee having contracted to rent the convention center space that will be used to accommodate the event.

World leaders from 49 countries and three international organizations participated in the first Nuclear Security Summit, held in Washington in April 2010. Through the Summit, President Obama brought high-level attention to the global threat posed by nuclear terrorism and advanced a common approach to strengthening nuclear security.

Embodied in the Washington Communiqué, participating leaders committed to ensure effective security of all nuclear materials under their control, to consolidate or reduce the use of weapons-usable materials in civilian applications, and to work cooperatively as an international community to advance nuclear security, requesting and providing assistance as necessary.

3. Description of the supplies or services required meeting agency's needs

For purposes of this justification the digital signage and charging stations required are listed in the attached Scope of Work (invoice).

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

The proposed procurement is to be made under the statutory authority of 41 USC 253(c)(2), FAR 6.302-2, Unusual and compelling urgency.

5. Demonstration that the contractor’s unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.

Fees charged by Events DC, including the License Fee, are exclusive of charges for services provided by Events DC’s “designated service providers” (the service providers are described in Sections 8), which services are provided under, and are subject to, separate agreements made between the Licensee and such Service Providers. Licensee may be invoiced directly for these services by the Service Providers.

Digital Conventions provides state-of-the-art digital signage solutions for events at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

In accordance with Section 5, Digital Conventions is a designated “service provider” by Events DC and must be individually contracted and paid by separate agreement to provide this level of required service. These services and costs are not part and parcel of the production vendor cost.

6. Description of efforts made to ensure that offers were solicited from as many potential sources as was practicable.

The statutory authority for unusual and compelling urgency does not require FedBizOps notice be publicized in accordance with the exception under FAR 5.202(a)(2).

7. Determination of the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable

The Contracting Officer will determine that anticipated costs to the Government are fair and reasonable by comparing rates for comparable services from previous awards and comparing rates between contractors’ proposals.

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

Exclusive Services.

Events DC and/or its designated Service Providers shall, except as otherwise provided, have the exclusive right to provide the following services in the **Walter E. Washington Convention Center**:

- Utility service, including electrical and plumbing (current designated Service Provider: **Hi-Tech Electric LLC**).
- Technology services, including wired and wireless voice, data and Internet, and equipment and transmission lines (current designated Service Provider: **Smart City Washington**).

- Motorized rigging (current designated Service Provider: **Gary’s Lighting Party, Inc.**)
- Digital signage network and displays (current designated Service Provider: **Digital Conventions LLC**).

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

See paragraphs 5, 7, and 8.

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

None

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.

See Section 8 above that sets forth the requirement to use the designated service provider identified in accordance with the License Agreement.

The J&A for other than full and open competition will be published on FedBizOps in accordance with FAR Section 6.305 within 30-days of award.