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DETERMINATIONS

1. The supplies to be procured under the proposed contract are of a technical and special nature.
2. These supplies are such as to require an extended period of preparation for manufacture.
3. Procurement by formal advertising would result in duplication of necessary preparation which would unduly delay the procurement.

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DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS (CONTRACT NO. N00019-67-0120)

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL OR SPECIALIZED SUPPLIES REQUIRING EXTENDED PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR MANUFACTURE

Upon the basis of the following findings and determinations which I hereby make as agency head, the proposed contract described below may be negotiated without formal advertising pursuant to the authority of title 10, United States Code, section 2304(a) (14).

FINDINGS

1. The proposed contract will provide that the contractor furnish: approximately 22,000 LAU-60/A rocket launchers; 1,000 LAU-56/A rocket launchers; 18,681 LAU-3/A rocket launchers; and 3,614 LAU-59/A rocket launchers, together with publications, engineering drawings, and data.
2. The proposed contract is to provide 2.75 inch FFAR rocket launchers for U.S. Navy and Air Force combat forces. These rocket launchers are urgently required to meet Southeast Asia operational requirements. U.S. Navy and Air Force aircraft operating in that theater of operations not fully equipped with those rocket launchers will be incapable of performing their assigned mission. Delivery of these launchers is required to begin in September 1966 and be completed in February 1967. Cognizant Naval Air Systems Command technical personnel have described these launchers as technical and specialized equipment.
3. The manufacture of this equipment requires; a detailed familiarity with the appropriate design and specifications; an intimate knowledge of the manufacturing techniques involved; extensive production engineering; and an extended period of preparation for manufacture. It has been determined by the Naval Air Systems Command that only a firm having prior experience in the design and manufacture of this particular equipment, and already having an existing functioning production line, can deliver acceptable units in time to meet the stringent delivery requirements established for this procurement. Based on these criteria, Chromcraft Corp., by having designed, developed and previously produced this equipment, and having the only going production line, is the only firm considered capable to manufacture the required equipment within the time available. On the other hand, other qualified manufacturers would be required to duplicate to a considerable extent the preparation for manufacture that has already been accomplished by Chromcraft Corp., and would, therefore, be unable to deliver acceptable equipment in time to meet either the initial or terminal delivery requirements. It is, therefore, impracticable to obtain this requirement by formal advertising because it would require duplication of preparation for manufacture which would unduly delay the procurement and seriously jeopardize the operational commitments of fleet aircraft.