

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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DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS (CONTRACT NO. N00019-67-0621)

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT WHEN THE PUBLIC EXIGENCY WILL NOT PERMIT THE DELAY INCIDENT TO FORMAL ADVERTISING

Upon the basis of the following findings and determination, the proposed contract described below may be negotiated without formal advertising pursuant to the authority of title 10, United States Code, section 2304 (a) (2).

FINDINGS

1. The proposed contract will provide that the contractor furnish approximately 37,700 LAU-60/A rocket launchers; 3,500 LAU-61/A rocket launchers; 5,500 LAU-68/A rocket launchers; 5,340 LAU-32A/A rocket launchers; 105,176 LAU-3/A rocket launchers; 5,856 LAU-59/A rocket launchers; and publications, engineering drawings, and data for the launchers. An option provision will govern the 3,500 LAU-61/A and 24,000 of the LAU-3/A launchers.

2. The launchers are required to meet urgent U.S. Navy and Air Force requirements for combat forces in Southeast Asia. Delivery is required during the period May 1967 through April 1968. It has been determined that a source other than Chromcraft Corp. would be unable to deliver acceptable equipment in time to meet either the initial or terminal delivery requirement for this equipment. Chromcraft is the only firm with prior experience in the manufacture of these launchers and with existing production facilities adequate for this procurement. Any other source, because of the requirement for making ready for production, production of first articles for testing, testing, and finally production of the rocket launchers, would require a minimum of 12 months following contract award to produce acceptable equipment.

3. It is impracticable to procure this urgent requirement by formal advertising (or even normal negotiation procedures) because such action would, even if conducted on an accelerated basis, occasion an unacceptable delay of at least 90 days in the delivery of the aforesaid equipment. The public exigency will not permit this delay which would seriously jeopardize Southeast Asia operations by preventing aircraft from performing their operational missions.

DETERMINATION

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