

# **{{Agency}}** Limited Sources Justification (LSJ)

## *“VMWare Software Licenses”*

### 1. Program Office / Procurement Request

Office of the {{Office}} {{Department or Division}}

### 2. Nature of Action

The purpose of this Limited Source Justification is to provide documentation that the software required for purchase be limited to the brand name only VMWare software and thereby be considered “items peculiar to one manufacturer” in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(1).

### 3. Description of Requirement

{{Agency}} maintains a computer server infrastructure using both physical servers and virtual servers. The virtual server platform has been standardized for several years operating on VMWare software. Standardization allows for seamless use of memory, processors, and storage amongst all host servers.

The {{Agency}} has a requirement to renew existing VMWare licenses to support infrastructure processing power and capacity. The consistency with the existing environment allows for ease of installation and does not impact other interrelated components. The anticipated period of performance is from {{Period of Performance}}. The following items will be procured:

Qty	Part Number	Description
50	VS7-EPL-P-SSS-F	U.S. Federal Production Support/Subscription VMware vSphere 7 Enterprise Plus for 1 processor for 1 year
2	VCS7-STD-PSSS-F	U.S. Federal Production Support/Subscription VMware vCenter Server 7 Standard for vSphere 7 (Per Instance) for 1 year

### 4. Authority Cited

Check applicable FAR Citation:		
	8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(A)	An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the procedures would result in unacceptable delays.
	8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(B)	Only one source is capable of providing the supplies or services required at the level of quality required because the supplies or services are unique or highly specialized.
	8.405-6(a)(1)(i)(C)	In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original Federal Supply Schedule order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable Federal Supply Schedule ordering procedures. The original order or BPA must not have been previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures.

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X	8.405-6(b)(1)	Items peculiar to one manufacturer. An item peculiar to one manufacturer can be a particular brand name, product, or a feature of a product, peculiar to one manufacturer. A brand name item, whether available on one or more schedule contracts, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer. (1) Brand name specifications shall not be used unless the particular brand name, product, or feature is essential to the Government’s requirements, and market research indicates other companies’ similar products, or products lacking the particular feature, do not meet, or cannot be modified to meet, the agency’s needs.
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**5. Unique Qualifications / Circumstances of Requirement**

VMWare brand software is required to maintain the {{Agency}} existing virtual standardization of VMWare software for server virtualization and to leverage existing maintenance and configuration efforts. Therefore, {{Agency}} requirement can only be met by VMWare products.

As this is a brand name only justification, no one contractor’s unique qualifications are cited as the basis for this justification. Rather, the software identified by the brand name herein have been determined to be the only items that meet the {{Agency}} requirements as a key component of the {{Agency}} virtual server environment.

**6. Efforts to Determine Only One Source**

This requirement will be solicited amongst authorized resellers on the GSA eBuy website in order to promote competition and obtain the best value to the Government.

**7. Contracting Officer’s Determination**

I have reviewed the information contained in this LSJ and determined that based on all the information provided, use of brand name specifications is appropriate. This justification will be posted along with the RFQ to GSA eBuy in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(3).

**8. Market Research**

Based on current market research, VMWare products are the only known supplies that could support the {{Agency}} requirement. Additional market research will be considered for future acquisitions to identify new or improved products that meet or exceed requirements.

**9. Other Pertinent Information**

N/A

**10. List of Interested Sources**

No sources have expressed interest in this requirement. This requirement will be posted on e-Buy in accordance with FAR 8.405-6(b)(3) in order to maximize competition amongst GSA Schedule holders.

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**11. Efforts to Remove Barriers to Competition**

The **{{Agency}}** will continue to monitor the market for future acquisitions to identify new or improved products that meet or exceed requirements and that can be considered for competition.

**12. Contracting Officer’s Certification**

The Contracting Officer certifies that this LSJ is accurate and complete.