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**Justification & Approval  
For Other Than Full & Open  
Competition/Brand Name**

USITC - 052 (Rev. 8/2016)

REQUISITION NUMBER: 6100-OCIO-17-0120

**1. CONTRACTING OFFICE**

U.S. International Trade Commission  
Office of Procurement  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436

**REQUIRING OFFICE**

U.S. International Trade Commission  
Office of Chief Information Officer  
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**2. NATURE/DESCRIPTION OF ACTION(S)**

Brand Name

In accordance with FAR Subpart 6.303-2, this justification for other than full and open competition will result in award of a contract for the brand name F5 Networks

**3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES (Check box below:)**

This requirement is to purchase:

F5 Big IP load Blanancers

- ☐ Support services (non-R&D)  
☐ Supplies/equipment  
☒ Information technology (IT)  
☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**4. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE**

\$61,196.61

**5. ANTICIPATED PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE/ DELIVERY DATE**

Period of Performance

October 12, 2017

to

October 11, 2018

Options Through:



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### 6. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Brand Name

FAR Subpart 6.302-1 and 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(5): 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.

### 7. DEMONSTRATION OF CONTRACTOR OR BRAND UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS

This is a maintenance renewal for F5Networks BIG-IP devices which are already deployed on theUSITC'snetwork. The maintenance renewal will ensure that the Commission has secure and redundant remote access to theUSITC'sinternet connected resources. Without the required maintenance the USITC cannot balance the the work load among multiple servers and the degradation of performance will be experienced among the user community.

### 8. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO ENSURE OFFERS WERE SOLICITED FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE

Offers may be solicited from as many F5 Authorized Resellers as desired. This is a brand name only requirement that may be sourced through any F5 Authorized Reseller.



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**9. DESCRIPTION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST**

In accordance with FAR Subparts 12.209, 13.106-3, 15.4, it is hereby determined that the anticipated cost or price to the Government for this contract action will be fair and reasonable. The Price Reasonableness Memorandum detailing the Fair and Reasonable Price Determination will be included in the contract file documentation.

**10. MARKET RESEARCH**

Market Research was conducted in accordance with FAR Part 10, and it was determined that the above stated requirement is commercially available in the commercial market place from various resellers.



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### 11. ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION

Parts, materials, and software for this product are only available through F5 Networks. Assuch this is a Brand Name Justification. However as stated prior, the maintenance coverage may be procured through any F5 Authorized Reseller.

### 12. LISTING OF SOURCES

GovSmart  
Impres  
Panamerica

### 13. FUTURE PLANS TO PROMOTE COMPETITION

The acquisition strategy will be reviewed annually by the Office of Procurement to determine the most advantageous acquisition method for the Commission, taking into consideration all applicable regulations and statutes.