

JOFOC for Vehicle Rental in Support of Presidential and VIP Travel

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION, PRICE JUSTIFICATION
(JOFOC)**

**ACQUISITION OF VEHICLE RENTAL IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VIP
TRAVEL**

1. I recommend that the Department of State use other than full and open competition for the acquisition of vehicle rental for this VIP visit. The estimated cost is **\$350,533.95USD (\$PS\$616,939,600.00COP)**.

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

- Presidential Visit
- Vice-Presidential Visit
- Other: *Visit by the Secretary of State, different Cabinet Members (TBC) and many Codels.*

3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs.

Vehicle rental services (sedans, vans, minivans, buses, minibuses, SUVs, and trucks different sized) for over 1,300 hundred visitors/guests. Aviatur/GemaTours (El Laguito C.C. Pierino Gallo, L-2-9, Cartagena de Indias).

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

- 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2), FAR 6.302-2; Unusual and Compelling Urgency; (Based on the available time and urgency of the requirement as detailed below)

Security concerns prohibit sufficient advanced notification of VIP travel to allow for sufficient time to conduct full and open competition. The Department of State Presidential Travel Office can only communicate with the staff at Posts abroad when authorization is given from the White House and the National Security Council. They have an extremely short turnaround time when authorization has been granted for negotiations to commence and site selections to be finalized with both the local vendors and Posts before the actual Presidential visit occurs. The White House security and logistical teams make determinations during the site survey as to which hotels are most suitable for the President and his traveling staff to remain overnight. Obvious consideration of the President and his Cabinet's location are taken into consideration as a determining factor.

The types of events, meetings, locations and availability of venues to support the U. S. President and his delegation are often times designated by the host countries. In this case, the proximity of the support staff to the President is crucial and often requires PTS to react quickly to accommodate.

Unique requirements for communications and audiovisual support made by the White House Communications Agency under severe time limitations are always a determining factor in the selection process of vendors.

Many of the arrangements for transportation services is often not confirmed until just before the actual visit. In addition, to supporting a large delegation within a short time frame, last minute and frequent changes of itineraries for supporting personnel often result in significant changes in how Posts work with the vendors. With the exception of few trips, contracts are not permitted to be signed until the Presidential Travel office has written confirmation from all White House supporting agencies, which enables collection of funds from said agencies in the event of cancellation. This results in an unusual and compelling urgency in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2), FAR 6.302-2

Other transportation companies that we will be contracting with here:

- ***Transportes Navarrete***
- ***Best Security Services***
- ***International Car Rental***
- ***Aviatur/GemaTours***

These unique Presidential travel requirements result in only a single or a very limited number of responsible sources with no other supplies or services capable of satisfying agency requirement in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 253 (c) (2), Far 6.302-2.

5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.

Security and logistics are the Department of State's primary considerations when procuring hotel rooms. The Department of State must be able to provide a safe and secure environment for VIP visitors. Frequently VIP visits are not announced or confirmed in sufficient time to conduct a competition, creating an urgent and compelling need. At other times, the security requirements and/or requirements of the host country government limit the acquisition to one or a small number of predetermined hotels.

The VIP visit information was not available in sufficient time thereby creating an urgent and compelling need.

The host country government requires the use of this/these vehicle rental companies.

The proposed contractor has the following unique qualifications which meet the Department of State's security and logistical requirements.

- Set-back (Vehicle rental company is safe distance from the street)
- Location (able to secure services, travel route; distance to and from event)
- Size and number of vehicles (able to transport delegation/guests within the city)
- Company facilities (for meetings and discussion of event details in terms of transportation)
- Communications (able to send and receive urgent/ last minute vehicle requests)
- Satisfy security needs (rental company will allow DOS to run security clearance on the employees and other personnel onboard.)

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable.

Due to urgency and exception in FAR 25.401(a)(5) this solicitation cannot be posted but the JOFOC will be published in FedBizOpps.

The following vehicle rental company was considered/reviewed but was not adequate because of the following:

Based on the market research conducted by the Procurement Unit, International Car Rental does not own the different type of vehicles requested for the summit; this company would have to subcontract vehicles from other companies outside the Cartagena de Indias boundaries/City. Also, the company does not have the security clearance from the Regional Security Office - RSO.

7. A determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

The Contracting Officer determined that prices are considered to be fair and reasonable based on our findings and market research conducted in the city of Cartagena de Indias.

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

Though a market research was conducted, the US Embassy did not find many companies with the capacity, expertise, and the necessary technical equipment and facilities necessary to perform services of this magnitude.

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

The VI Summit of the Americas will take place in Cartagena, Colombia between April 9th – 15th, 2012. The Colombian Government is expecting the attendance of more than 8,000 people

including 34 Heads of State, International Organizations and Civil Society representatives from all around the region. POTUS will head the U.S. delegation, which is slated to include the Secretary of State, several other Cabinet members, and at least one CODEL. Embassy Bogota's efforts to obtain a sufficient number of vehicles rented in Cartagena have been constrained by both the city's limited reliable and responsible rental companies and RSO's security requirements.

As of today, March 30, 2012, the US Government is renting approximately 163 vehicles for the summit. During the site visit conducted by the Procurement Supervisor, negotiations were conducted with the above vehicle rental companies, and as a result of this procedure, the Embassy obtained savings by reducing the original AVIATUR/GEMATOURS's quotation/proposal by 17%, dropping the total vehicle price rental considerably

As an added value, vehicle rental includes the following: Coolers, water, ice, umbrellas, uniforms, and communication media (cell phone) for each driver.

Aviatur/GemaTours appears to have the necessary technical equipment and facilities necessary for this contract or the ability to obtain them. The contractor is otherwise qualified and eligible to receive award under applicable laws and regulations.

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. *None*

CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that this justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Based on my assessment, I conclude that other than full and open competition is justified and the proposed price is fair and reasonable.

Date:

Contracting Officer

(
If over \$650,000 add)

As the Competition Advocate at post, I approve this justification:

Date:

Management Officer

Determination of Price Reasonableness

Vehicle rental prices must be determined to be fair and reasonable, and contract files must contain this price justification. Determination of Price Reasonableness for Vehicle rental, is offered as a method of quickly documenting price reasonableness by using a price comparison technique. However, specific cost data utilized to determine the cost is fair and reasonable must be inserted, simply checking a block(s) is insufficient. Check the appropriate block(s), insert the specific cost data and note any additional information (i.e. the applicable per diem rate if being used for comparison), sign and retain in the contract file.

DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICING FOR VEHICLE RENTAL SERVICES

Contracting Officers must determine that the proposed prices for vehicle rental services are fair and reasonable. A fair and reasonable price is one that a prudent and competent buyer would be willing to pay considering market conditions such as supply and demand, competition, and general economic conditions.

The price of the vehicle rental services is considered fair and reasonable based on the following price analysis

Comparison with Other Vehicle Rental Rates: I reviewed the rates of comparable rental car companies and these rates are reasonable in comparison. See next page.

COMPARISON CHART CAR RENTAL FOR THE SOA 2.012

Type of Vehicle	INTERNATIONAL CAR RENTAL			BEST RENTAL CAR		TRANSP. NAVARRETE		AVIATUR & GEMA TOURS	
	Est. Qty	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$COP	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$USD	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$COP	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$USD	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$COP	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$USD	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$COP	Unit price/ 12 hrs \$USD
Bus 31 Pax	1	\$1,159,706	\$658.92	\$1,200,000	\$681.82	\$1,050,000	\$596.59	\$1,276,000	\$725.00
Bus 40 Pax	1	\$1,985,487	\$1,128.12	\$1,200,000	\$681.82	\$1,550,000	\$880.68	\$1,740,000	\$988.64
Cargo Van	1	\$ 590,619	\$ 335.58	\$ 900,000	\$511.36	\$ 450,000	\$255.68	\$ 870,000	\$494.32
Truck 3.5 Ton.	1	\$ 794,011	\$ 451.14	\$1,044,000	\$593.18	\$ 650,000	\$369.32	\$ 870,000	\$494.32
Truck 7.5 m. 600	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,334,000	\$757.95
SUV 4x4	1	\$ 855,371	\$ 486.01	\$ 696,000	\$395.45	\$ 600,000	\$340.91	\$ 696,000	\$395.45
Van 8 Pax	1	\$ 530,818	\$ 301.60	\$ 928,000	\$527.27	\$ 650,000	\$369.32	\$ 754,000	\$428.41
Van 12 - 15 Pax	1	\$1,081,496	\$ 614.49	\$1,044,000	\$593.18	\$ 650,000	\$369.32	\$ 904,800	\$514.09
Mini Bus 22 - 25 Pax	1	\$1,081,496	\$ 614.49	\$1,044,000	\$593.18	\$1,000,000	\$568.18	\$1,136,800	\$645.91
Armored Vehicle	1	\$1,322,271	\$ 751.29	\$1,276,000	\$725.00	\$1,500,000	\$852.27	\$1,624,000	\$922.73
Sedan	1	\$ 401,811	\$ 228.30	\$ 487,200	\$276.82	\$ 330,000	\$187.50	\$ 394,400	\$224.09
Dispatcher/Coordinator	1	\$ 174,000	\$ 98.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 90.91	\$ -	\$ -
C/gena to B/quilla Round Trip	1	\$ 418,222	\$ 237.63	\$1,508,000	\$856.82	\$ 600,000	\$340.91	\$1,044,000	\$593.18

Comparison with Market Prices: I compared the present rates to the rates this vehicle rental company charged in the past competitive environment and found them to be reasonable.

Restricted Competition: The vehicle rental rates are higher than normal market due to the restricted competition created by unique security needs.

Comparison with Government Estimate: The proposed vehicle rental rates are reasonable based on comparison and analysis of the government estimate by the office of Presidential Travel Support (A/EX/PTS).

Carolyn A. Hightower
Contracting Officer Name

Signature

Date