

## SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

Open Market

**1. Requiring Activity:**

**2. Contracting Agency:** 60<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron, Travis AFB CA

**3. Purchase Request #:** n/a

**4. Description of Requirement:** Purchase six Combat Offload Pallets, estimated at

**5. Statutory Authority permitting other than full and open competition:** Section 4202 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996, as implemented by: FAR 13.106-1(b)(1). Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy the agency requirement.

**6. Justification or authority for action:**

- (a.) Rumar Materials, Inc combat offload pallets will replace our current wooden version being used. Our wooden pallets continually crack & splinter during the offload operation and require daily repair of the wood. Foreign object damage (FOD) inspections are needed each time the pallets are dropped on the taxiway. Rumar is made from 100% recycled materials that does not crack, splinter, and is impervious to oil or water damage.
- (b.) Rumar Material is the only contractor that makes this unique product that is made solely for military combat offload operations. They are specially built with military rated tiedown rings that meet Air Force restraint criteria for airlift. No other product on the market meets these requirements.
- (c.) Rumar is the only known source that manufactures this product.
- (d.) Currently, combat offload pallets average handling is ten times (five uploads/five drops) each week. The wooden pallets require daily maintenance due to broken off pieces of wood and dropped nails which in turn create FOD. Additionally, tiedown restraint applied to these pallets require constant adjustments & changing due to the wood shifting after each drop. Personnel typically spend 1.5 hours each day repairing the wooden pallets. Rumar combat offload pallets virtually eliminates daily maintenance, repair/replacement of tie down restraint, are FOD free, and withstand all types of weather.

**7. Market Research/ Other Facts:** Market research consisted of reviewing GSA Advantage, AF Advantage, GSA Global Supply, and Black Rhino Recycling Inc websites. In each case, these websites did not list the Rumar materials.

**8. Requested sole source:**

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