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Good morning Alice,

That is correct, both 4 and 5 will apply to your situation.

Best,

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Hello Alice,

Please review the requirements for all noncompetitive Federal procurement per 2 CFR 200.320(c)(1-5). Although FEMA approval is not required for sole sourcing, recipients are required to document their justification for sole sourcing in alignment with 2 CFR 200.320(c)(1-5) as well as other procurement requirements.

(c) Noncompetitive procurement. There are specific circumstances in which noncompetitive procurement can be used. Noncompetitive procurement can only be awarded if one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The acquisition of property or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (see paragraph (a)(1) of this section);

(2) The item is available only from a single source;

(3) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from publicizing a competitive solicitation;

(4) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes a noncompetitive procurement in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(5) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best,

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Ingrid,

I'm writing to seek clarification regarding the procurement process for EMW-2023-FG-04462, AFG 2023, Personal Protective Equipment (SCBA) as outlined in the grant's requirements.

As part of our efforts to meet the procurement guidelines, we submitted a request for proposal (RFP) to BidNet.com, which is the platform the City utilizes. Unfortunately, we have received only one response or bid, from the vendor Bauer. In our attempt to ensure adequate competition, we reached out to other potential vendors via email, but they have informed us that they will not be submitting bids for this project.

The grant procurement requirement mandates receiving at least three quotes or bids in order to avoid sole sourcing. Given the situation, we are left with only one bid, which seems to fall short of the desired competition.

We would appreciate your guidance on whether this situation would be considered an issue, and if not, whether we can proceed with granting the bid to Bauer and continue with preparing a purchase order.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your feedback and direction on how to proceed. Attached are documents for your reference.

Thank you,

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