

## Brand Name Justification

### 1. Description of product/service being procured

A *Slope Indicator* vibrating wire piezometer Standard Borehole Piezometer.

### 2. Description of the need for the product/service

Vibrating wire piezometers are needed to monitor the ground water table at a landslide at the Russian River Campground in the Chugach National Forest. This data will be used in conjunction with slope inclinometers to determine the possible cause and potential solution for the landslide.

### 3. Why must this product/service come only from this one specific manufacturer

*Slope Indicator* brand vibrating wire piezometers are needed because the Government is providing *Slope Indicator* brand vibrating wire miniloggers to collect the data produced by the piezometer. These miniloggers will only convert the raw data collected from the vibrating wire piezometers if they are from the same manufacturer. The only manufacturer given correction factors that are compatible with the *Slope Indicator* minilogger is *Slope Indicator*.

### 4. Brand Name Specifications FAR Reference

- FAR 8.405-6(b)(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.
- FAR 13.106-1(b)(1)(i) Contracting officers may solicit from one source if the contracting officer determines that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available (*e.g.*, urgency, exclusive licensing agreements, brand-name or industrial mobilization).
- FAR 16.505(a)(4)(i) The contracting officer must justify restricting consideration to an item peculiar to one manufacturer (*e.g.*, a particular brand-name, product, or a feature of a product that is peculiar to one manufacturer). A brand-name item, even if available on more than one contract, is an item peculiar to one manufacturer. 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.