



Appendix I - BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATIONS (Bevis)

Determination to Solicit From a Single Source(s)

The Arlington County Purchasing Officer the has determined that only sources to be reasonably available for the procurement of the following Building Element based on the justifications described in Table I acceptable and complies with Brand Name(s) criteria.

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Building Element	Brand Name	Justification
Fire Station Alerting System	First-In Systems by Westnet®, Inc.	The First-In Systems by Westnet®, Inc. Alerting System is unique in that the system is the only system on the market with a Dorm Remote. The Dorm Remote provides programmable, company-specific bedside alerting that include energy efficient LED lighting that has proven to minimize emergency response time and enhanced the firefighters' safe response within the fire station by means of a low level lighting system, which reduces eyestrain and night blindness while permitting safe journey to the response vehicle. The Dorm Remote also provides firefighters with the ability to program his or her specific assignment information from the front panel of the Dorm Remote, so that only firefighters needed on the call alerted. The County's First-In Alerting Systems current contract for warranty and maintenance is with First-In Systems by Westnet®, Inc.. This Contract started in 2005. This brand installed and maintained in all of the County's firehouses (all having such systems). Standardizing this equipment has led to: 1) better pricing for parts and maintenance contracts through economy of scale, 2) limiting the on-hand inventory need, and 3) reduction in training requirements for staff. The brand installed in County facilities through one-for-one replacements and new construction/renovations.
Flush Valves – Automatic	Sloan	This brand installed in most of Arlington County's 2 million square foot of building inventory. Standardization has led to: 1) Readily available replacements parts for seamless and reliable operation during outages, 2) Uniform

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		inventory of parts, 3) County staff trained on systems, 4) Proven reliability and 5) User friendliness.
Key Box	KNOX-BOX®	In accordance with Chapter 8 of the Code of the County of Arlington, Section 506.1, a Key Box is required in an accessible location when access to or within a facility is difficult due to security. The Fire Department Key Box allows keys unique to each facility to be stored within Key Box allowing responding Fire Department personnel rapid entry into the building during emergency dispatches without forced entry or damage to the facility. The KNOX-BOX® is the recognized Key Box by the Arlington County Fire Department. The Arlington County Fire Department started using the Knox system in 2005. In the past 10 years numerous Key Box’s installed throughout the county. These devices have allowed our Fire Department Crews rapid entry into various Buildings, gated communities, and other locked facilities. A mix of Brand Name Key Box’s not recommended due to the necessity to issue keys to the Fire Department for each Brand Name's Key Box system. The use of non-KNOX-BOX®’s Key Boxes will delay fire protection capabilities upon response and therefore endanger life and property. The requirement for a KNOX-BOX® Key Box ensures rapid response without forced entry into the Building. To use a different Brand Name Key Box will necessitate a change of thousands of key switches, locks and keys and could result in the delay of emergency aid to an incident.
Water Closets	American Standard, Kohler, Moen & Toto	These brands are installed in most of Arlington County’s 2 million square foot of Building inventory and meet the water efficiency requirements water closets. Standardization has led to: 1) Readily available replacements parts for seamless and reliable operation during outages, 2) Uniform inventory of parts, 3) County staff trained on systems, 4) Proven reliability and 5) User friendliness. A Supplier may provide any one of the Brand Name(s) listed.