

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

**Purchasing Agency:** Department of General Services  
**Caption:** Commissioning Services  
**Proposed Contractor:** Liberty Engineering

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Code Section 2-354.04 and DCMR 47, Section 4718.

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia, Department of General Services (“DGS or the Department”) has an immediate need for **Liberty Engineering** (“The Contractor”) to provide Commissioning Services.

**3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated fair and reasonable price for the commissioning services is Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (**\$350,000.00**).

**4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

The Department requires the Contractor to provide commissioning and mission critical support services to a) prevent serious disruption in agency operations, b) ensure active construction projects are delivered on schedule, c) ensure higher level of quality delivery, and d) ensure safe working conditions are maintained during construction and more importantly post-construction.

Construction work and permitting for District properties cannot proceed without certifications and the Contractor’s required services are provided at DGS and District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) project sites where the work involves renovations of older and deteriorating structures and building and commissioning services are an

essential part of the scope. Such commissioning work is an integral part of different types of construction, including demolition and renovations work.

The objective for DGS is to achieve Silver or higher rating from the US Green Building Council (USGBC) for LEED new construction or LEED Schools. The Contractor is required due to its knowledge in providing adequate Fundamental and Enhanced Commissioning for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Certification Services for the District in the past five years.

Therefore, the Contractor's services are needed to ensure the District is in compliance with the USGBC's rules and regulations for various construction projects and to ensure that the projects are delivered timely.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY THE OPERATIONAL MANAGER OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete.

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Date

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Allam H. Al-Alami  
Operational Manager  
Capital Construction Services

**6. CERTIFICATION BY THE SUPERVISOR | CONTRACTING OFFICER OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the single available source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source procurement action was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 4718 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Department of General Services, Associate Director/Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

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Date

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Franklin Austin  
Contracting Officer | Contracts & Procurement

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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George G. Lewis, CPPO  
Chief Procurement Officer