

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



Contracts & Procurement

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CAPTION: Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act – Public Recreational Space Master List

AGENCY: Department of General Services

CONTRACTOR: Soil and Land Use Technology, Inc. (SaLUT)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 27 DCMR 4718

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of General Services (DGS) has an immediate need for SaLUT to conduct a city-wide assessment of Athletic Fields and Playgrounds to meet the public posting requirements of DC Law 22 – 293 Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price for assessment is \$150,000.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Background

In 2018 D.C. City Council enacted D.C. Law 22-293 Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act, which requires DGS to publish a master list of public recreational spaces in the District and to share that list with the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE) in order to conduct a study. This study will provide information on the safety of synthetic materials used in public recreational spaces and their adherence to relevant health and safety standards. Additionally, the DC Mayor is required to transmit the results of the DOEE study to the DC Council.

To date, SaLUT has conducted 320 playground assessments for all pour in place playgrounds in the DGS portfolio. Approximately 70 athletic fields are the only remaining play spaces to be assessed and included into the comprehensive inventory.

Justification

The Department is required to provide DOEE and the District residents with an accurate inventory of District public recreational spaces in the timeliest manner.

The Department has identified the Contractor (SaLUT) with a past performance in providing similar requirements to Commercial and Government Municipalities. Salut, Inc. would assist the Department in researching, developing, and posting the master list to the public in response to DC Law 22-293 – Safe Fields and Playgrounds Act and to provide DOEE with an accurate listing of materials and locations for further.

Because the continuity of multiple assessment criteria is critical to the final analysis, one Contractor should perform the entire DGS portfolio assessment. Introduction of a new Contractor would require repeating work (72% of total) that has already been successfully completed. This will result in a significant cost and time savings (18% of remaining work versus 100% of entire scope).

Finally, this contractor has not only an extensive background in Salesforce but also holds a developer license. This additional convenience provides for seamless integration of their inventory data into the existing DGS Salesforce data base.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

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

Date

Donny Gonzalez
Deputy Director Facilities Management

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER:

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

Date

Franklin Austin, CPPB, CPM
Contracting Officer

7. CERTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the sole source notice of Intent to Award a Sole Source Contract was published in accordance with Section 404(c) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Official Code §2-354.04) and that no response was received. As the Chief of Contracts and Procurement at the Department of General Services, I approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this requirement.

Date

George. G. Lewis, CPPO
Chief of Contracts and Procurement