

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**



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**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**Agency:** Department of General Services

**Caption:** Construction Drawings & Specifications for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony viewing stands.

**Contractor:** McKissack & McKissack, Inc.

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

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

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The Department of General Services (DGS) have an immediate need for fully integrated construction drawings and specifications for the construction of the three stands that are in direct support of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony (**PIC**). These three stands include: The Presidential viewing stand, the Mayoral viewing stand, and the Press Corps stand.

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

The estimated fair and reasonable price is up to \$220,000.00

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

The Inauguration of the President of the United States is a ceremony to mark the commencement of a new four-year term of the president of the United States. This ceremony takes place for each new presidential term, and is next scheduled to occur on Wednesday, January 21, 2021.

The Department of General Services (**DGS**) has the responsibility for the procurement and construction of the three stands that are in direct support of the events of the day.

In 2013 & 2017, McKissack & McKissack, Inc. (**M & M**) was competitively awarded the A/E of record for the PIC Viewing Stand Project. As part of their base contract of services, M & M designed all three viewings stands and detailed significant structural design concepts to address US Secret Service (**USSS**) standards surrounding the safety of the President.

The scopes of services include, but are not limited to:

- Designer will be required to meet with representatives of DGS, US National Park Service (**NPS**), **USSS**, and **DCRA** to understand the requirements of the **PIC**, rules and regulations that exist surrounding the **PIC**, and inspect any existing conditions that might give reason to modify the existing construction documents and specifications that detail the assembly of the three viewing stands.
- Designer will be required to review and catalogue existing structural steel components, note any deficiencies that require correction and identify components that are missing that need to be re-ordered.
- Designer will be required to update and certify construction documentation and specifications to meet the requirements of the **PIC**, and then formally submit **UPDATED** drawings and specifications to both USNPS and DCRA for review and formal permit approval.

The **PIC** project is a complex project with extensive structural and security systems imbedded into the design of the facilities. Being the A/E of record on the past two **PIC** events (2013 & 2017), **M & M** has the knowledge of the facility building components, as-built conditions, drawings and specifications. Additionally, **M & M**, its employees and subcontractors, have intimate knowledge of the infrastructure and security systems/requirements of the project. Finally, **M & M** has established relationships with many of the LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies that will review and approve the construction drawings and specifications.

Due to the challenging nature of the **PIC** project, **M & M** will utilize the original design team and field staffs that are familiar with the current construction drawings and are familiar with the constraints imposed by the **NPS** and **USSS** in the area surround the White House and Pennsylvania Ave corridor. **M & M** has the understanding and experience with the specific utility service systems to accomplish the shutdowns and tie-ins with minimal disruption and impact to the adjacent White House and Wilson Building tenant operations. This knowledge of the PIC project will also translate to an accurate costing and scheduling of the work to minimize disruptions to White House and Wilson Building operations. **M & M** has developed a strong relationship with DGS, NPS, and USSS staff and is fully aware of, and understands, the operating, safety, and security guidelines that are required to successfully implement the PIC project.

Based on the above, it is in the best interest of the District to allow **M & M**, the original A/E of record for the **PIC** project, to review, update, and submit construction drawings and specifications for the construction of the three stands that are in direct support of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony (**PIC**). This will ensure construction that will comply with and complement standards, applicable safety codes, and operational needs of the PIC project.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY THE OPERATIONS 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 Al-Alami, Operations Manager  
Capital Construction, DGS

**6. CERTIFICATION BY THE MANAGER 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, Director/ Chief Contracting 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 and Procurement, DGS

**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  
Associate Director, Contracts and Procurement,  
DGS