

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



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Agency: Department of General Services

Caption: 2021 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony Reviewing Stands

Contractor: Associated Builders 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) has a need to complete the on-time construction of the Presidential, Mayoral and Media reviewing stands (Inauguration Reviewing Stands) in support of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony (**PIC**).

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price is up to \$5,500,000.00

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 will occur on Wednesday, January 21, 2021.

Given the highly visible nature and importance of this project, it is essential that the Department have an extremely high level of confidence that the chosen Contractor will successfully complete construction of the Inauguration Reviewing Stands on time and in

accordance with the approved designs. Unlike other construction projects, the date for the inauguration will not change. This confidence can only be obtained if the Contractor has the requisite expertise to address the complex requirements of this project, including the significant structural and security specifics. In addition, the Contractor must have an intimate knowledge of the National Park Service (NPS) and the US Secret Service (USSS) standards and protocols associated with the inauguration of the President of the United States, the details of which are numerous and the failure to achieve compliance could have far reaching implications. Similarly, a working knowledge of the specific utility service systems to accomplish the necessary shutdowns and tie-ins with minimal disruption and impact to the adjacent White House and Wilson Building tenant operations. Utilities. Failure or a do over is not an option for this project, the Department must have a Contractor with the expertise, experience, and proven track record with similar construction projects.

Associated Builders, Inc. (ABI) is the only contractor available to provide the Department the level of confidence required. ABI has constructed the Inauguration Reviewing Stands since 1969. ABI has worked hand in hand with the A/E to successfully implement the design for the past three inaugurations. ABI has the required expertise and existing relationships with critical subcontractors to successfully deliver the project on time with accurate pricing. ABI's long standing relationships with the NPS and the USSS will provide an efficient and streamlined compliance with staff security requirements and related protocols.

ABI is the only contractor with the experience, expertise and knowledge capable of providing the Department with the level of confidence required to complete this extremely critical project in compliance with the operational needs of the project. It is therefore in the District's best interest to approve the use of the sole source method of procurement to procure the construction of the 2021 Inauguration Reviewing Stands.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

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

Date

Paul Blackman, Jr., Deputy Director
Capital Construction Division

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE SUPERVISORY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

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.

Date

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.

Date

George G. Lewis, CPPO
Chief, Contracts and Procurement
DGS Chief Procurement Officer