

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services

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DIRECTOR

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

CONTRACT NO:

CAPTION: Pre-Apprenticeship Training

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: The Laborers' Joint Training Fund of Washington, D.C. & Vicinity

PROGRAM AGENCY: Department of Employment Services

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of Employment Services, on behalf of the Office of Apprenticeship Information and Training and Office of Project Empowerment, have a need to provide pre-apprenticeship training to 25 District of Columbia residents, who are enrolled in the Project Empowerment program to meet apprenticeship requirements in the skilled laborer trade. This training will consist of classroom related instruction and field/shop training activities.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$20,700.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Laborers' Joint Training Fund of Washington, D.C. & Vicinity (Joint Training Fund) is the only available source in the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area that is able to provide training in the skilled laborer trade and guarantee graduates acceptance as apprentices or unsubsidized employment in the skilled laborer trade.

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The Joint Training Fund is the administrative entity within Baltimore Washington Construction & Public Employees Laborers' District Council Local Union No. 657 (Laborers' Local Union No. 657) responsible for all apprenticeship operations of the skilled laborer trade within the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area, including providing the opportunity for successful graduates to apply to become regular apprentices. There are over 50 signatory contractors in the Laborers' Local Union No. 657 that will employ many of the graduates as apprentices.

The Joint Training Fund has extensive experiences in the delivery of pre-apprenticeship training. During a five (5) year period, the Joint Training Fund had trained over 100 District of Columbia residents in the skilled laborer trade, and all completers were accepted as registered apprentices in the Laborers' Local Union No. 657 apprenticeship.

The training is essential to qualify 25 District of Columbia residents, all of whom are may have some barriers to employment and meeting eligibility requirements for selection as skilled laborer apprentices. The training term is four (4) weeks. All graduates will have the opportunity to be accepted as apprentices by the Joint Training Fund.

Considering the above facts, the proposed method of procurement is in the best interest of the District. It also serves an essential public purpose, inasmuch as unemployed District residents will have an opportunity for gainful employment through the receipt of this training.

In consideration of the above, a market survey was conducted and it was determined that based on maintaining the continuity services and the fact no other vendor was found that could provide the similar services, procurement from this vendor is in the best interest of the District for the welfare of the customers to be served.

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5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Lisa Mallory
Director, Department of Employment Services

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

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 notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that [no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Maryann Carroll
Contracting Officer

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

James D. Staton, Jr.
Chief Procurement Officer

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