

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE EXTENSION BEYOND FIVE YEARS**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Technology Officer
CONTRACT NO.: DCTO-2008-C-0006
CAPTION: Telecommunication Services
CONTRACTOR: Verizon Washington DC Inc.

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, 1701 and 2005.6(b)

2. MINIMUM NEED

The Office of The Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) has a need for an extension of the Verizon Citywide Telecommunication Custom contract. The period of performance is April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE

The Not-to-Exceed price is \$12,750,000.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

The contract was previously extended through March 31, 2013 on mutual agreement of the parties, and to allow for a reasonable retirement process for this large contract which provides essential services (indicated by the “sole source” status of this agreement). Since the extension the parties have obtained additional information that indicates an additional extension is reasonable. Both parties have started the contract close-out process and the District has completed a formal “request for information” (RFI) gathering – using that information to develop a framework for a successor contract that is expected to be competed. The competition is necessary to reduce costs, to increase value and to incorporate new technologies required for government operations. The parties expect a successor agreement to be in place and / or to close-out the contract by December 31, 2013.

The Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), has both executed an RFI and it has initiated negotiations with Verizon in preparation of an extension through 12/31/13 to

allow successor agreement(s) to be implemented. If a new contract is not in place by 12/31/13 the District has a contingency plan to split the services provided under this contract and to move them to existing cooperative contracts.

Currently Verizon remains as the only known entity to own its network covering the entire District, which is essential in telecommunication actions in critical events such as 9/11 terrorist attack. Without the current contract, the District will not be able to provide adequate and vital citywide telecommunication services. However, based on the findings of the RFI, the District can now narrow the scope of the essential services required from Verizon. The narrowed essential service scope will allow more products and services to be competed.

Market research was not required for this action, for Verizon is the only vendor that has the ability to approve/sign the proposed extension.

5. **CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD**

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

Date

Robert Mancini
Chief Technology Officer

6. **CERTIFICATION BY THE 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

Derrick White
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
Chief Procurement Officer
Office of Contracting and Procurement