

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

CONTRACT NO:
CAPTION: Forcible Entry Door Simulator
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Firehouse Innovations Corp.
PROGRAM AGENCY: Fire and Emergency Medical Services
AUTHORIZATION: D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1700

MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department's (F&EMS) Training Academy has determined there is a need for Forcible Entry Door Simulators. These doors will be used for firefighting training and will provide a means of instructing members on how to make entry into secure location in a timely and efficient manner. This door system provides the ability to force a door open on the left or right hand side of the door frame. The door assembly also provides a means for opening outdoors with metal or wood jambs. The door system can also provide simulation as it relates to forcing open the angle iron on the door which is found on high security apartment doors. Comparatively, there is a feature which allows for opening out forcible entry on metal jambs that are found on commercial and bulkhead doors. All of these features and systems are located on the same door system. This training device will also facilitate the use of utilizing the gapping method for conventional forcible entry methods on opening metal jams by use of the Hydra-ram. This forcible entry tool is currently carried on departmental apparatus and made part of the tools and appliance list. The manufacture of the door system has stated they hold a patent on this training forcible door system and are the sole manufacture.

ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE: Each unit is \$6, 200.00

1. **\$12,400.00 for two units**

2. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

A market analysis was performed and it was found that there are no other businesses that provide these particular forcible entry door simulators. F&EMS is in the process of having hands on training for forcible door entries. However, there is a pressing need for this training to take place. Based on a market analysis, Firehouse Innovations Corp. is the only company that can provide the technology needed based on F&EMS requirements.

3. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD

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

June 22, 2012
Date

Kenneth B. Ellerbe
Kenneth B. Ellerbe, Fire and EMS Chief

4. 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 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] [the response received was rejected because _____]. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

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