

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

**CONTRACT NO.:** RQ778940  
**CAPTION:** NameSearch Software Application  
**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** QAS Ltd.  
**PROGRAM AGENCY:** Child and Family Services Agency

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has a need to replace the current search engine software utilized by FACES.NET.

**3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$25,700.00

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

- (a) CFSA provides important services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families. The agency coordinates public and private partnerships to preserve families through foster care, adoption, and child welfare services, and to protect children against abuse or neglect.
- (b) NameSearch is a search engine delivered through software to return search results when searching for clients, providers, staff, etc. and when creating new clients in FACES.NET web-application.
- (c) QAS Ltd's (formerly Intelligent Search Technology, Ltd.) flagship NameSearch® product is the industry-leading software tool used for searching, matching, grouping, and deducing all forms of identity data. NameSearch is proprietary software which is only available from the current vendor, QAS Ltd. A competitive procurement would not be feasible because of the additional cost of recoding FACES to incorporate a different search engine. Its powerful, sophisticated algorithms produce quality

identity searches, while minimizing mismatches. The product supports a variety of identity data types including names, companies, addresses, Social Security Numbers (SSN), dates, email, and more.

- (d) Therefore, it is in the best interest of CFSA to procure the services, via sole source, from Qas Ltd., the current and only vendor that possesses the unique and singularly available capability deemed essential to meet CFSA's important services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families and to protect children against abuse or neglect in the District.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

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

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Date

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Director  
Brenda Donald

**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.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Chief 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 bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice 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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Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Procurement Officer