

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Employment Services

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DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT NO: RQ 804720

CAPTION: UI - JusticeXchange

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Appriss

PROGRAM AGENCY: Department of Employment Services (DOES)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Employment Services (DOES) and the Office of Information Technology, has a need for near real-time access to vital records and a national jail database, which gives instant access to information about current and former offenders held in county jails and prisons throughout the nation. The information includes but is not limited to biographical data about the offender, charges, photographs, and behavioral reports. The DOES Unemployment Insurance program requires access to reduce fraud and verify whether or not a:

- claimant's social security information is valid and does not belong to a deceased individual
- claimant is incarcerated and claiming/receiving benefits.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$25,000.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Appriss is the only source able to provide the required level of services needed to assist the District of Columbia in identifying and reducing unemployment insurance fraud. In implementing a scheduled cross-match of unemployment benefits recipients with Appriss' near real-time JusticeXchange jail data, the District will be able access information about current and former offenders nationally and to reduce incidents of fraud and abuse within the District.

This procurement is supported by the fact that over the past several years, there have been several state-level procurements attempted for services similar to Appriss' JusticeXchange. The documented results of these procurement efforts have demonstrated that a national near real-time data network is only available today through Appriss.

Implementation of Appriss' JusticeXchange in the District is necessary because the Appriss data network extends to thousands of jail facilities across the country. The network currently processes over 60 million transactions each month detailing the movement of offenders through a number of various detention facilities. This represents more than 1.4 million local offenders on any given day that are moving in and out of custody. A market survey has validated that there is no other near real-time national network that can provide the same amount of data

The technology used for Appriss' core solution (VINE) is proprietary to Appriss and is protected under a US Patent. The patent covers 38 different patent claims under US Patent No: 5,861,810. This patent is titled "System and method for providing crime victims updated information and emergency alert notices". It is this patented core technology that is found in the data network that feeds the JusticeXchange program.

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 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. 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 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