

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

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO)
CONTRACT NO.: CW15362 / GS-35F-0262T
CONTRACTOR: USA Mobility Wireless, Inc
CAPTION: Paging Services and Equipment

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of the Chief Technology Officer has a critical need to continue pager services and provide equipment for the District's emergency responders. The service will allow the District to maintain an emergency response posture to incidents and conditions for the protection of public health and safety. Pager service has proven to be dependable, reliable and will function even when cell phone frequency is jammed or overloaded with calls.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated price of the contract is not-to-exceed \$140,000.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The current paging services utilize USA Mobility owned numbers which will not be transferrable to another vendor as they are the property of USA Mobility, the selection of another vendor would result in a wholesale change of the contact numbers for emergency responders, increased staff resource utilization to update and redistribute emergency call out lists, and modifications to automated notification systems with programmed USA Mobility numbers, and testing of the new numbers – thus inhibiting the agency's ability to respond to emergencies should incidents of public health and safety arise.

USA Mobility Wireless, Inc. provides one and two-way messaging services and wireless information services to the District. USA Mobility also provides these standard features:

1. Vibration and audible alert, with volume settings
2. Adjustable font sizes
3. Operator dispatch
4. Voice mail

The District has purchased services from USA Mobility Wireless, Inc. since 2003. This is a sole source request for USA Mobility paging services. The current paging services utilize USA Mobility owned numbers which will not be transferrable to another vendor as they are the property of USA Mobility, the selection of another vendor would result in a wholesale change of the contact numbers for emergency responders, increased staff resource utilization to update and redistribute emergency call out lists, and modifications to automated notification systems with programmed USA Mobility numbers, and testing of the new numbers – thus inhibiting the agency’s ability to respond to emergencies should incidents of public health and safety arise.

Continuation of services with the current Contractor is requested because:

- (1) The Contractor has provided similar services to the District continuously since 2003;
- (2) It is not feasible to seek other sources to implement and perform the contracted services;
- (3) Continuation of service with the Contractor will allow the District to maintain its emergency response posture and reduce the cost of providing this service to the District;
- (4) The services provided under this contract are essential to the health and public safety responders of the District. Failure to continue the services could result in failure to respond to emergencies in an effective and efficient manner.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Rob Mancini
Director
Office of the Chief Technology Officer

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

John R. Dean
Contracting Officer, IT Commodity Group
Office of Contracting and Procurement

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 § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR sec. 2005.6(b)). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement. The justification to use sole source is in the best interest of the District.

Date

James D. Staton, Jr.
Chief Procurement Officer
Office of Contracting and Procurement