

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

**CONTRACT NO:** RQ889213

**CAPTION:** Climate Corp Fellowship

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

**PROGRAM AGENCY:** District Department of the Environment (DDOE)

**FINDINGS**

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04(b), 27 DCMR §§ 1705.2 and 1901.4

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

In February 2015, the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) applied for and was selected through a competitive process to serve as a host organization for the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Climate Corp Fellowship program to support work on climate change and green building. The EDF Climate Corps is a competitive fellowship program through which EDF recruits and trains top graduate students and then places them in leading organizations to provide expert hands-on support for energy and climate change initiatives. Specifically, DDOE is seeking the support of an EDF fellow to conduct research and analysis on potential programs to expand the adoption of cool roofs throughout the District.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:** \$20,000.00

The cost of participation in the EDF Climate Corp Fellowship is \$20,000 which includes a stipend for the fellow to be paid by EDF and travel, training, recruitment and associated overhead costs. Because the EDF fellowship program is the premier climate and energy fellowship program, it is highly competitive and attracts top graduate students from across the United States. There are no truly comparative products or fellowship programs. The most similar product or service available is to consider the comparable cost of procuring the same level of research and analysis through a contract for technical services. Based on past grants awarded by DDOE, the minimal cost of that work would start at \$50,000. Therefore, relative to procuring a study through a contract or grant award, \$20,000 is a reasonable cost.

4. **FACTS THAT JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

A. The District of Columbia applied for and was selected through a competitive process as a host organization for the EDF Climate Corp Fellowship program.

- B. No existing fellowship program provides the same level of staff and technical support. There is no other similar effort as comprehensive underway.
- C. EDF is a preeminent environmental and energy policy organization with expertise in energy efficiency, green building, and climate change.
- D. As a Climate Corp Host Organization, the District of Columbia will have access to the technical support and expertise of EDF's 400 staff and their network of 300 host organizations which enables the sharing of best practices across industry experts.

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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Tommy Wells  
Agency Director  
District Department of the Environment

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.

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Date

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Robyn N. Johnson  
Agency Contracting Officer  
District Department of the Environment

**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.

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Nancy Hapeman  
Interim Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of Contracting & Procurement