

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

**REQUISITION NO.:** RQ743577

**CAPTION:** Swede Survival Burn System Container

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Draeger Safety, Inc.

**PROGRAM AGENCY:** Fire and Emergency Medical Services

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-303.05(a)(1), 27 DCMR 1702.3

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) needs a Phase I Swede Survival System Burn Container to provide “live” fire training for the burning of Class A materials.

**3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated reasonable cost of the contract is \$17,000.00.

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

Draeger Safety Inc., Swede Survival Systems Division is the sole source manufacturer and distributor in the United States of the Phase 1, replacement Burn module, Phase 2, Phase 3, Phase 4 and Phase 5 “live fire” training systems using Class A burn materials. Draeger Safety Inc. also provides unique instructional programs designed for each phase of our systems meeting N.F.P.A. 1403, 1500, 1001, and the Swedish Rescue Services Agency Standards. The training curriculum shall be traceable to the training program developed and refined over the past twenty years by the Swedish Rescue Services College in Skovde, Sweden.

There are no comparable systems to the Swede Survival Systems and no comparable instructional programs in the United States. All of the systems must meet the design criteria of Draeger Safety Inc. Instructors who have been certified by Draeger Safety Inc. must conduct the instructional programs. Any deviation from the above will void these programs.

Given these findings, it is in the best interest of the District to procure Burn Containers from Draeger Safety, Inc.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

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

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Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbe  
Fire and EMS Chief  
Fire and Emergency Medical Services

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Date

**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 sole source notice of Intent to Award a Sole Source Contract was posted on the OCP website and no valid responses were received regarding the posting. I recommend that the Assistant Director of Procurement approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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John R. Dean  
Contracting Officer  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

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Date

**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 Section 303 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-303.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Courtney Lattimore  
Commodity Manager  
Office of Contracting and Procurement

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Date