

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON
SOLE SOURCE BASIS**

Program Agency: Department of Behavioral Health

Proposed Contractor: Ovid Technologies, Inc.

Contract Number: **RM-16-SS-035-BY0-DJW**

Caption: Online Access to Full-Text Journals and Bibliographic Databases, Health and Psychosocial Instruments, and Mental Health Measurements in the area of health sciences for Saint Elizabeths Hospital “Francis Waldrop Health Sciences” Library. The IT product is utilized by the District’s In-Patient Adult Psychiatric Hospital with an infrastructure that can support additional Patient centered activities.

AUTHORITY

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, and 1701

1. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) (District) has a requirement for a Contractor to provide a customizable solution of online databases services covering content, tools, and services – electronic academic journals, full-text articles, instruments and measurements in the area of health sciences and mental health processes for DBH staff. The Contract is required to assure that the Health Sciences Library is equipped with the technological tools that hospital residents, interns, faculty, and DBH staff need to enhance research discovery and improve practice at the hospital and in the community. The specific online access must include a comprehensive suite of the following:

- PsychARTICLES with Full Text
- PsychBOOKS or its equivalent
- PsychINFO or its equivalent
- Health and Psychosocial Instruments
- Ovid HealthStar
- Access to health and psychosocial instruments and the mental measurement yearbook is also required.

2. FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The Contractor designed and implemented this proprietary product for the Department of Behavioral Health. The Contractor’s price is fair and reasonable at a not-to-exceed price of \$24,195.00 as it shall cover the cost of the license for the library. The library is a required facility for the hospital to maintain the psychiatry residency program.

3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION

- The key access to these customized online services are sold and supported by Ovid, Inc. and delivered online through the internet.
- Ovid, Inc. is the sole owner for these customized proprietary services to be delivered online.
- Ovid, Inc. is the sole authorized provider for the maintenance of the customized online services.
- Ovid, Inc. was previously selected as the vendor of choice to provide these services in 2015. This vendor has provided quality online services and support in the past.

CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

4. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director
Department of Behavioral Health

Date

5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Denise J. Wells, CPPB
Contract Specialist

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 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.

Margaret T. Desper
Contracting Officer

Date