

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



Contracts and Procurement Division

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SINGLE AVAILABLE PROCUREMENT

CAPTION:	Auto Wheel Lift
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:	Power Pusher
PROGRAM AGENCY:	Metropolitan Police Department
AUTHORIZATION:	D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 4718

1. MINIMUM NEED:

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) needs to purchase a battery powered hydraulic vehicle lifter to move vehicles in the processing bay of the forensic lab.

2. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated reasonable cost is \$32,175.00

3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SINGLE AVAILABLE PROCUREMENT:

No other source was identified thru internet research. The wheel lift currently being used by MPD is the CAT CART System, which Power Pusher is the manufacture of.

See Attached Memorandum dated 8/27/2012 from Dr. William Vosburgh, the CFL Deputy Director of the District of Columbia for the facts which justify the single available procurement.

4. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

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

Date

Kimberly Gray
Contract Specialist

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. 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).

Date

JW Lanum
Associate Director
Contracts & Procurement



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SINGLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

VEHICLE POWER PUSHER

The Consolidated Forensic Laboratory will have the availability to accept vehicles for processing in the basement bay of the building. This area known as the processing bay is specifically designed for this purpose. The entire footprint of the building was designed so that we can process vehicles for forensic value, protecting all occupants of the building from both exhaust, biohazards and methods of processing.

The processing bay is designed to allow a tow truck towing a vehicle in need of processing directly onto an elevator on the interior of the building footprint. The elevator will move the tow truck and towed vehicles directly to the processing bay without the need to disconnect. Once in the processing bay, the tow truck will release the towed vehicle into the bay; there is limited room for the tow truck to operate within the garage area necessitating another form of mechanical conveyance of the evidence vehicle.

On average the facility will process 400+ cars per annum. The ability to move these vehicles around without entering them is critical for a smooth work flow as well as to preserve the integrity of the potential forensic processing. Forensic Science Services Division does and will come in contact with a multitude of vehicles. These vehicles come in without tires, completely burned hulks, bearing only some wheels because of violent accidents and some that require prohibited movement. The vehicles will require movement to a processing bay within the garage to areas specifically designed for analysis. Each discipline (i.e. fingerprinting, photography, cyanoacrylate stain, hairs and fiber removal, bullet and trajectory analysis) may necessitate a move to another location within the garage. need just as an example.

In order to facilitate the movement of such vehicles this unit has employed the use of a battery powered hydraulic vehicle lifter. Such a lifter has been used at our current location bearing the same manufacture as is being requested. This requested variety of lifter will move the vehicle by picking up either the front end or rear end of the automobile. The power lifter is used just like a tow truck at this stage and has the capacity to push or pull the vehicle in the desired direction or location.

We are requesting two such units to fulfill our work load. The need for two units is because once a vehicle is hooked up for movement where all four wheels are suspended then that vehicle pusher is out of service until the vehicle is processed. This prohibits us from accepting or moving other vehicles. We are also requesting two wheel lifters that work just like a tow crane system. These systems fit under the tire being towed relieving the necessity to use the vehicle bumper or frame to make the connection. These wheel lifts greatly reduce the possibility of damaging the vehicle being moved and have an added benefit of reducing any potential injuries to technicians.

The current system in use "CAT CART" is manufactured by the same source we are purchasing the new system. ~~We would like to take the old system (8 years old) with us and purchase an identical system~~ making maintenance much easier. This system is one of the cheapest vehicle movers on the market and yet one of the most durable. The Vehicle Maintenance Shop for MPDC currently uses the same system. This unit uses plug and play technology; it uses a standard current to recharge so no other electrical outlet is needed, 110 volts. We have had to order one replacement part from the manufacture which was done with ease at no cost to the Department because the warranty was maintained.

It is requested that this single source purchase be authorized of the reasons stated above.

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