

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

**CONTRACT NO:** TBD

**CAPTION:** Pharmacy Benefits Manager

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Ramsell

**PROGRAM AGENCY:** Department of Health (DOH) HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and Tuberculosis (TB) Administration (HAHSTA)

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

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

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The DC Department of Health (DOH) HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD & TB Administration (HAHSTA) requests approval of sole source procurement for Ramsell, a proprietary system Ramsell PBM-ADAP™ to provide comprehensive pharmacy benefits management services for the DC AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and the HAHSTA PrEP medication assistance program. DC ADAP's pharmacy benefits manager service must be able to conduct all reporting and service requirements set forth in the provisions of the Part B Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-87), Section 2616 of the Public Health Service Act, HRSA policy notice 13-02, Title II section 202 of the Public Health Service Act, and Public Law 102-585 Veteran's Health Care Act of 1992 codified as Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act.

**3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated reasonable price shall not exceed \$500,000.00. This price was determined by the amount from the previous vendor ACS/Xerox who performed a portion of this service without all the capabilities that DOH requires. In addition, independent research from Ramsell PBM system product line was conducted as well as from Trusted Health Plans and Magellan to develop an Independent Government Estimate.

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

DOH/OCP conducted a thorough review of prospective vendors that could meet the comprehensive requirement of services for ADAP and PrEP pharmacy benefit management services in one program versus having a combination of several different applications from multiple vendors that would require additional interface technology.

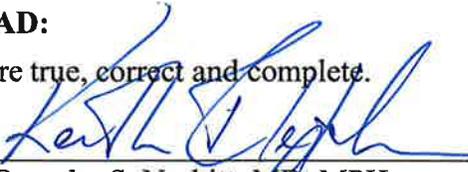
While no solicitation was advertised, extensive market research expanding over the course of a 30 day period with various vendors. Our first method of market research was the Department of Small and Local Business Development certified CBE listing, and during this search there were no contractors available to facilitate any of the portions of Ramsell's Pharmacy Benefits Management system. Trusted Health was the only health

plan noted during this search, and the information provided on the company's public website demonstrates healthcare benefits to only the DC Medicaid and DC Alliance client population only. Through extensive market research in non-CBE firms, it was determined that aside from Ramsell, there are no other agents or dealers that can provide a comprehensive package of services needed to meet all requirements and needs of DC's ADAP pharmacy benefits program, HRSA's 340 B drug rebate program, and DC's PreP benefits assistance. The non CBE firms include Magellan PBM and Xerox Healthcare.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

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

10/15/15  
Date

  
LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, MD, MPH  
Director, Department of Health

**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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Contracting Officer  
Hakima Muhammad

**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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Date

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George A. Schutter.  
Chief Procurement Officer