

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

AGENCY: Department of the Environment
CONTRACT NUMBER: RQ777087
CAPTION: Water Quality Dataloggers
CONTRACTOR: YSI Integrated Systems (formerly Endeco/YSI)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORITY:

D.C. Official Code § 2-303.05 (a) (1), DCMR Title 27, Chapter 17 Section 1702.3 (b).

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) on behalf of the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has a need for water quality dataloggers; to provide real time (water quality) monitoring information and mechanisms for reporting to the public. The dataloggers will monitor water quality in the Potomac River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE COST:

The estimated reasonable cost for this contract is \$ 34,755.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY THE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

YSI, Inc. is the only manufacturer of the 6 Series Multi-Parameter Sondes (600, 6820, 6920, 6600) their compatible Sensors, and the EXO2 Sonde. No other manufacturer in the world makes these instruments. Also, no other manufacturer makes an instrument that is compatible with YSI sensors / probes. YSI only sells the 6 Series Multi-Parameter Sondes, their compatible Sensors, and the EXO2 Sonde directly.

A market survey was not done because the District is a partner to the Chesapeake Bay Agreement. Others partners of the Bay agreement, Maryland and Virginia have implemented real time monitoring using the specially equipped YSI monitoring units.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the information is correct and complete.

Date

Christophe A.G. Tulous
Director
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 recommend that the Contracting Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Contract Specialist
Office of Contracts and Procurement

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.

Date