

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

CONTRACT NO: RQ751839
CAPTION: Expert Witness/Consulting Services
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Scientia Veritas
PROGRAM AGENCY: District Department of the Environment

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District's Department of the Environment (DDOE) requires an expert witness/consultant with unique skills and experience in performing highly complex environmental and human health risk assessments, toxicological assessments, statistical analyses, and environmental epidemiology.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The fair and reasonable price to provide the required service is \$150.00 per hour for a total of \$96,000.00. Consultants with similar education and experience range from \$275.00 to \$575.00 per hour.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Dr. Richard DeGrandchamp, who is the Principal Investigator and Toxicologist with Scientia Veritas, is an expert on dioxin toxicity. Dr. Degrandchamp's understanding of on-going Washington Navy Yard (WNY) investigations, risk assessments, and PCB toxicity makes him the only expert witness with the academic qualifications, experience, and institutional knowledge of WNY capable of providing DDOE with the support needed to fulfill their contractual need. This contractual obligation is the result of an Agreement between DDOE the U.S Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide oversight of the Navy's cleanup program at WNY.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Christophe A.G. Tolou
Director, District 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 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] [the response received was rejected because _____]. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Jerome A. Johnson
Contracting Officer

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.

Date

James D. Staton, Jr.
Chief Procurement Officer