

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS**  
**FOR**  
**SOLE SOURCE EXTENSION**

Agency: DC Office of the Attorney General  
Contract No.: CW14821  
Caption: DC Child Support Enforcement System Maintenance  
Contractor: Auctor Corporation

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authority**

D.C. Code Section 2-354.04 and 27 Section DCMR 5032 and 5022

**2. Minimum Need**

The District of Columbia's Office of the Attorney General (DCOAG) has a need to extend the existing contract with Auctor for six (6) months, in order to maintain mission critical services to automate the collection and enforcement responsibilities for the DC Child Support Enforcement System (DCCSES).

The Child Support Services Division (CSSD) of the DCOAG is federally mandated to completely automate its collection and enforcement responsibilities under the Social Security Act, 46 U.S.C. 600 et seq., and corresponding local laws regarding child support services at DC Code 16-900 et seq., and DC Code 46-200 et seq. (2001 ed.).

In order to fulfill federal and local requirements, the current automated system, DCCSES, needs programming updates and enhancements as well as day-to-day operational maintenance. In general, the contractor shall maintain, modify, or update all system applications as required for the functioning of the division in accordance with federal and local regulations. The contractor shall support the District's staff in identifying and reconciling discrepancies in data and processing occurring in the DCCSES environment, and in providing for continual updates and program corrections to improve functionality, and prevent discrepancies and errors. District staff shall perform all facilities management services to support the application, including LAN/WAN applications and disaster recovery policy and procedures, with support from the contractor.

**3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price**

The estimated fair and reasonable price for the additional required services is \$2,698,727.00

The period of performance is June 29, 2018 through December 28, 2018.

**4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Extension:**

The sole source extension is required to ensure the continuity of services by avoiding the interruption of statutorily mandated and vital child support enforcement services until a long-term contract can be put in place.

The current contract extension expires on June 29, 2018.

Auctor Corporation has performed these services for the past six (6) years and worked cohesively with DCOAG/CSSD in providing a variety of maintenance and operations support, application software support, feasibility studies, hardware maintenance for CSSD production and test servers, software maintenance, communications support, disaster recovery services, off-site storage and other services to assist the agency in daily operations as requested by CSSD.

Auctor Corporation is the only available company requiring no start up time and capable of continuing the required services without interrupting the essential services until a long-term procurement is in process and completed for the services. It should also be noted that the required services require special certifications in a MultiValue development platform named OASYS by Onsystem. The application data is stored and managed by the OASYS multidimensional data store which incorporates the use of both SQL Server and native multivalued file content. The application is written in the OASYS Basic language and consists of non-graphical terminal user interface screens, graphical user interface components, and batch oriented programs, and Auctor was the only qualified respondent to submit a proposal in 2012.

The interruption of these services would pose a major threat to the District and jeopardize the mandated Child Support and Paternity Program, Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act, and thereby impede DCOAG/CSSD ability to locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity for children born out of wedlock, and obtain and enforce child and medical support orders and maintain compliance with the requirements to receive federal financial participation.

Regarding market research and reasonableness, since this is an extension of an existing contract the same rationale that applied at the time of award is still applicable. Twelve CBE firms were invited to submit proposals in response to the District's request to provide the services. None responded. The fair and reasonable price was established by OCP via an in-depth cost/price analysis of Auctor's cost proposal to the District, and as they used their GSA Federal Supply Schedule rates, which have been predetermined to be fair and reasonable, along with an additional comparison of their schedule rates to other GSA schedules of similarly situated firms, providing similar services.

Therefore, Auctor is the only vendor available that offers fair and reasonable prices and are able to continue providing the service at the level of expertise that is required. It is in the best interest of the District to continue services utilizing the contractor; as it will prevent DCOAG/CSSD and District residents from experiencing an interruption in these critical services. This seasoned firm can provide the services without delay.

**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 Section 404(c) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Official Code §2-354.04) 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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Sanaz Etminan  
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.

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Date

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Karl A. Racine  
Attorney General  
Chief Contracting Officer