

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

AGENCY: Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Services Division
CONTRACT NO.: DCCB-2013-CW24974
CAPTION: Genetic Testing Services
CONTRACTOR: DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc.

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has a need to extend the existing contract with DNA Diagnostics Center for Genetic Testing Services in support of the Child Support Services Division for six (6) months, while a new solicitation is issued and awarded.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated reasonable price is \$43.50 per specimen for an average of 115 specimens per month, which totals approximately \$30,015 for the six-month extension period through May 2019. The rate of \$43.50 has not increased since the inception of this contract in October 2013 and is considered fair and reasonable.

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 fourth and final option year under Contract CW24974 expires on November 17, 2018.

The DNA testing services are critical to enable CSSD to maintain mission critical services enforcement responsibilities under the Social Security Act, 46 U.S.C. 600 et seq., and corresponding local laws regarding child support services at D.C. Code 16-900 et seq., and DC Code 46-200 et seq. (2001 ed.).

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 CSSD's ability to locate noncustodial parents, establish paternity for

children born out of wedlock, obtain and enforce child and medical support orders and maintain compliance with the requirements to receive federal financial participation.

DNA Diagnostics has performed these services satisfactorily for the past five (5) years and agreed to our October 10, 2018 request for an extension at the going rate by concurrence on October 16, 2018. The extension of this contract at the five-year old and current option year four rate of \$43.50 per specimen is consistent with D.C. Code § 2-381.41. DNA Diagnostics 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 completed for the services.

CERTIFICATION OF FINDINGS

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 a notice of intent to award a sole source contract extension was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 5022 and that [no response was received] [the response received was rejected because _____].

Date

Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that the District is justified in extending the contract with DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc. on a sole source basis for six months. I further determine that it is in the best interest of the District to continue services utilizing the contractor, as it will keep CSSD and District residents from experiencing an interruption in these critical services.

Date

Janice Parker Watson
Contracting Officer