

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST

Department: Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC)

Contractor: Southwestern PA Legal Services

Agency Purchase Requisition No. _____

A) Reason(s) for Sole Source Procurement:

Only a single contractor is capable of providing the service.

- Only known source; similar services/commodities are not available from another contractor.

- Service must be compatible with existing equipment.

A federal or state statute or federal regulation exempts the service from the competitive procedure and there is appropriate justification to do so.

It is clearly not feasible to award the contract for services on a competitive basis.

The services are to be provided by attorneys or litigation consultants selected by the Department.

The services are to be provided by expert witnesses.

The services involve the repair, modification or calibration of equipment, and they are to be performed by the manufacturer of the equipment or by the manufacturer's authorized dealer, provided the contracting officer determines that bidding is not appropriate under the circumstances.

The contract is for financial or investment experts to be used and selected by the Department.

The contract for services is in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

B) Briefly describe the supply or service item you are requesting and its function

PHRC will partner with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services (SPLS), through their Fair Housing Law Center (FHLC) to complete five rental/sales tests based on sex discrimination of housing providers in western Pennsylvania. This goal of this partnership is to proactively pursue Fair Housing violations through testing and enforcement through the administrative investigative process.

- C) Describe the unique features/compatibility of the supply, service or construction item that precludes competitive procurement.

The FHLC is a project of SPLS, which is an organization whose expertise and mission relates to the goal is to identify and eliminate housing discrimination through education, advocacy, and enforcement efforts. FHLC serves 28 counties in western Pennsylvania and four counties in West Virginia. We work in close collaboration with numerous partners and advocates across the region. FHLC legal staff provides free comprehensive legal advice to individuals living in Armstrong, Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. Moreover, the geographic area where the testing will be completed falls in the SPLS' coverage area in Pennsylvania.

- D) What research has been done to verify the contractor as the only known source?
N/A

- E) Does the contractor have any distributors, dealers, resellers, etc., that sell the supply, service, or construction item?
N/A

- F) Must this supply, service or construction item be compatible with present inventory/equipment or in compliance with a manufacturer's warranty or existing service agreement? If yes, please explain.
N/A

- G) If this is an initial procurement, what are the future consequences of the procurement? That is, once this procurement is approved and processed, what additional upgrades/additions/supplies/services/construction, etc., are anticipated/projected over the useful life of this item?
N/A

- H) If this is an upgrade/addition/alteration, etc., to an existing service? How was the original service procured (sole source or competitive)? What additional, related, sole source procurements have occurred since the initial procurement? Please identify the previous purchase order or contract number(s).
N/A

- I) How has this service been procured in the past? (Competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, sole source, other). Please provide document numbers. N/A

- J) What are the consequences of not procuring this specific supply or service item?

It is likely that the testing and community education for unlawful discrimination in housing will be delayed or not occur.

- K) How long has the agency known that the supply or service was needed, and why wasn't the contract process started earlier?

N/A

L) If timing is a factor, who established the time frame and why?

N/A

M) What are the consequences of not procuring this specific service within the established time frame?

N/A

N) List any other information relevant to the acquisition of this service.

N/A

Name of person completing the justification (Requesting Bureau/Office)

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