

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST

Department: Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC)

Contractor: _ Relman Colfax, PLLC

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

The PHRC seeks the development of a comprehensive high-level training on the requirements and legal techniques to investigate and prosecute issues of unlawful discrimination in Fair Housing cases.

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

Relman Colfax PLLC is a national civil rights firm which focuses on fair housing and fair lending in its litigation activities; it also maintains an active counseling program in which it advises businesses that seek assistance in developing strategies to ensure best practices-based compliance with civil rights laws. .

The trainer and project manager, Sara Pratt, Counsel with the firm, who has a 43-year career in training investigators and lawyers about how to investigate fair housing cases and who was once an investigator and lawyer for the Kentucky Human Rights Commission. She also has served as a subject matter lead, author of training materials, and faculty member of the National Fair Housing Training Academy. Attorney Pratt's presentation and training acumen is nationally known and universally unique in its experience and expertise.

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?

Attorney Pratt will not be able to conduct this important training.

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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