

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

1. **Authorizationⁱ**

- DC Law: 34-804
- DC Law: 34-801
- 15 DCMR: §3700

2. **Minimum Need:**

The Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) proposes to procure the services of DataNet Systems Corporation to redesign the Office of the People's Counsel existing intranet application in SharePoint 365 to enhance existing functionalities and to add new functionalities.

3. **Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:**

\$29,940.00

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

- A. The Office of the People's Counsel "OPC" is an independent agency of the District of Columbia government. By law, it is the advocate for consumers of natural gas, electric and telephone services in the District. District of Columbia law designates the Office as a party to all utility-related proceedings before the Public Service Commission. The Office also represents the interests of District ratepayers before federal regulatory agencies. The Office is authorized to investigate the operation and valuation of utility companies independently of any pending proceedings.
- B. DataNet Systems Corporation is Certified Business Enterprise technical services company with headquarters in Washington, DC providing quality technical and management solutions for commercial and government web-based application systems and software integration for communications and networking applications.
- C. DataNet Systems Corporation has performed SharePoint design functions for the District of Columbia Government. Data Net Corporation has previously worked with OPC in connection with website and IT matters and has experience and knowledge of OPC's IT infrastructure and IT processes and procedures.

D. Due to DataNet Systems Corporation’s prior work with OPC in connection with IT matters, their District of Columbia Department of Small and Local Business Development CBE status and prior experience with developing identical software applications for the District of Columbia government, it is recommended that a sole source contract be awarded to DataNet Systems Corporation.

5. **Certification by the Office of the People’s Counsel:**

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

Eric Scott
Contracting Officer

Date

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the District of Columbia procurement regulations: *DC Law: 34-804*; *DC Law: 34-801*; and *15 DCMR §3700*, I hereby determine that the award of a sole source contract for the services described herein is in the best interest of the Office of the People’s Counsel.

Sandra Mattavous-Frye
People’s Counsel

Date

ⁱ Procurement authority is vested in the Commission pursuant to § 13 (c) (2) of the Residential Real Property Seller Disclosure, Funeral Service Date Chang, and Public Service Commission Independent Procurement authority Act of 1998 (D.C. Law 12-263). The Commission is statutorily exempt from the D.C. procurement rules as set forth in D.C. Official Code §1-1181 et seq.

DC Law: 34-804, herby established within the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, has established by DC Law: 34-801, an office to be known as the “Office of the People’s Counsel”. The office shall be a party, as of right, in any investigation, valuation, revaluation, or proceeding of any by nature by the Public Service Commission of or concerning a public utility operating in the District of Columbia.

15 DCMR §3700: Public Utilities and Cable Television- Public Service Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.