

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

1. **Authorization**ⁱ

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

2. **Minimum Need:**

The Office of the People’s Counsel request the services of MINDFINDERS, Inc. to provide staffing and office support for the Office of the People’s Counsel.

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

\$100,000

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. OPC uses its website for education and outreach. DC Counsel of People Counsel (OPC) has a requirement to reduce the amount of paper stored in the office. The documents will be accessible through SharePoint. Midtown was the company that created and developed the Office’s original SharePoint Site and the Office Document Library site for the LSD Section. Midtown has the knowledge and expertise in providing services of the Office’s unique and distinctive current site. This will be of great help with the upgrade to the SharePoint Site.

- B. The office has used MINDFINDERS continually for office support and this will be an extension/modification of ongoing services provided by the company

C. MINDFINDERS is a District of Columbia government certified small business enterprise.

D. It is for the reasons outlined herein that it is recommended that a sole source contract be awarded to the MINDFINDERS

5. **Certification by the Contracting Officer:**

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

Frank G. Scott, Jr.
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 Services Date Change, 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, hereby 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 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