

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

1. **Authorizationⁱ**

- D.C. Code § 34-801
- D.C. Code § 34-804
- 15 D.C.M.R. § 3700

2. **Minimum Need**

The Office of the People’s Counsel for the District of Columbia (“OPC” or “Office”) requests the services of SAGE Management Consultants, LLC for the purpose of providing expert technical assistance regarding general utility issues with DC Water throughout Fiscal Year 2021.

3. **Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price**

The total contract (“not –to-exceed”) price is \$5,000.

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

- A. The Office of the People’s Counsel is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government. By law, it is the advocate for consumers of natural gas, electric, water and landline telephone services in the District. District of Columbia law designates the Office as a party to all utility-related proceedings before the District of Columbia Public Service Commission (“PSC” or “DC PSC” or “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. The Office of the People’s Counsel has had established executed contracts in place with SAGE Management Consultants, LLC in the past to assist the agency in evaluating various issues involving water services offered in the District of Columbia. At this time, the Office is in need of expert technical assistance throughout Fiscal Year 2021 to help in providing representation on behalf of the Office before the DC Council on public water utility related issues. More specifically, the Office needs assistance with the Agency’s participation in a public roundtable on the *Allocation of Federal Relief Funds for DC Water Programs, and Administration of the Lead Water Service Line Replacement Programs*. OPC is actively in need of assistance in helping provide testimony before the DC Council at the public roundtable on how to address the use of federal funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as it relates to the District of Columbia’s water infrastructure.
- C. SAGE Management Consultants, LLC has extensive experience assisting OPC in offering technical services and support in the past regarding various topics. Based on the nature and complexity of the issues at hand and based on the familiarity of the tasks to be performed

within the timeframe required, OPC believes it is justified in awarding a sole source contract to SAGE Management Consultants, LLC.

D. It is for the reasons outlined herein that it is recommended that a sole source contract be awarded to SAGE Management Consultants, LLC.

5. **Certification by the Contracting Officer**

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

Christopher K. Sellers
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 D.C.M.R. §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.

Eric Scott, Esq.
Chief Operating Officer

Date

ⁱ Procurement authority is vested in the Commission pursuant to § 13(c) (2) of the Residential Real Property Seller Disclosure, Funeral Services Date Charge, 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.

D.C. Code § 34-804, hereby established within the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, as established by D.C. Code § 34-801, as 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 D.C.M.R. § 3700: Public Utilities and Cable Television – Public Service Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.