

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

1. **Authorization<sup>i</sup>**

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

2. **Minimum Need:**

The Office of the People's Counsel proposes to procure the services of Blueprint Consulting Services to provide professional IT services to implement Office 365 suite of products including, but not limited to, Microsoft Office, Exchange, Skype, and SharePoint.

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

\$27,396

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. Blueprint Consulting Services is a District of Columbia government certified small business enterprise. OPC has previously utilized Blueprint's services for IT system and hardware implementation, maintenance and training, including Office 365, and has experience and knowledge of OPC's IT infrastructure and requirements, and IT processes and procedures.
- C. It is for the reasons outlined herein that 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.

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Cherry Belle  
Administrative Officer

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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.

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Eric Scott  
Chief Operating Officer

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Date

<sup>i</sup> 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.