

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST

Department: Treasury

Contractor: RC1 App 1, Inc., Ashby Monk, Ph.D.

Agency Purchase Requisition No. _____

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 it's function

The State Treasurer is vice-chair of the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission ("Commission") as established in Act 5 of 2017. The Act establishes the Commission's duties which include but are not limited: the study of the performance of current investment strategies of SERS and PSERS; costs and benefits of investment strategies; study alternative future investment strategies. The State Treasurer has retained a financial and investment expert to assist him and the Department in performing his duties on the commission as well as the Department's oversight responsibilities with the two pension funds.

The State Treasurer has hired Ashby Monk, Ph.D. the Executive and Research Director of the Stanford Global Project Center and Senior Research Associate at University of Oxford. His research focus is on the design and governance of institutional investors. Dr. Monk will be serving as a financial and investment expert. The retention of financial and investment experts are exempt from competitive bidding under 62 Pa.C.S.A. § 515(a)(9).

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

n/a

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?

No.

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.

No.

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?

The Commission's report to the Governor and General Assembly is due six months after its initial meeting and the Commission sunsets 60 days after the report is delivered so there will be no further need for Dr. Monk under this contract. 71 Pa.C.S. § 5958

G) 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

H) 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?

The State Treasurer and the Commission require the assistance of an expert with Dr. Monk's experience in the field of studying institutional investors and pensions in order to write an informed, comprehensive, researched and analyzed report to the General Assembly and Governor as required by Act 7.

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?

Yes, there is a statutory deadline within 71 Pa.C.S. § 5958 for the Commission to act – 6 months from its first meeting, which was held on May 31, 2018.


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)

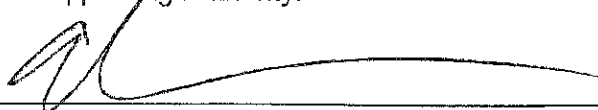
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Date: 6/4/18 Phone No. 717-787-2465

Signature of Approving Authority:


Comptroller/Designee

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Agency Head or Designee

All sole source procurements are to be submitted to the Bureau of Support Services, and approved by the Comptroller and Deputy State Treasurer for Law and Administration.

If an item is not applicable, indicate that it is not applicable.