

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING
FOR A SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools
Office of the Chief Operating Officer (OCOO)
CAPTION: Maintenance & Repair Contract for X-Ray Machines in Schools
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Rapiscan® Systems
REQUISITION NO. RK164094

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Code 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1702.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Office of Resource Strategy, Contracts & Acquisitions Division on behalf of the Office of the Chief Operating Officer (OCOO), School Security Division has an immediate need to procure and employ the Rapiscan® Systems, An OSI Systems Company for the maintenance and repair services for their fleet of x-ray machines for all DCPS schools for the period beginning on December 15, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

3. ESTIMATED COST:

The estimated cost is \$125,000.00 for the proposed period of performance (December 15, 2020 – September 30, 2021) pursuant to RK164094. This contract will be for a base and four (4) one-year options.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Proposed Vendor’s Unique Qualifications

Rapiscan® Systems maintains proprietary ownership over all intellectual concepts pertaining to its manufactured products. This includes the Linear Accelerator equipment installed on your systems. As such Rapiscan products may only receive service from Rapiscan certified technicians. Any service to Rapiscan products by an unauthorized individual will result in voiding of any and all warranty privileges associated with purchase and may result in non-serviceable equipment. As such Rapiscan® products may only receive service from Rapiscan certified technicians.

Rapiscan® Systems Service Technician’s are strategically positioned around the world to ensure that prompt, quality service solutions are accessible to all Rapiscan® Customers. Rapiscan does not certify outside technicians or other companies, thereby leaving them as our only choice.

Background and History

The purpose of this sole source procurement is to prevent a dangerous environment for students, faculty, employees and visitors of DCPS schools and facilities. In order to sustain a secure environment, DCPS must ensure timely maintenance and repairs to its fleet of X-Ray machines. It is imperative that DCPS keep their machines operational to prevent any harmful objects or weapons from entering DCPS facilities. On any given day, there are approximately 60,000 students, faculty and staff moving throughout DCPS facilities, failure to maintain these machines would pose an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare and potentially to government property.

The number of Rapiscan machines will continually decrease during the performance period of this Contract; DCPS is incrementally purchasing of new X-ray machines, thereby reducing and replacing the number of Rapiscan® x-ray machines for maintenance, repair and service.

Rapiscan has been performing x-ray machine maintenance for DCPS since the year 1998. Normal maintenance is done the same day or the next business day depending if parts need to be ordered.

Market Research

The School Security Division and OCA conducted market research to ensure there were no other viable sources to provide maintenance services on Rapiscan® machines and discovered there were no other sources with authorized or qualified Rapiscan certified technicians who could provide the necessary service solutions. As a result, it was determined that a sole source procurement was the only option to DCPS to repair, configure and maintain the sixty (60) Rapiscan® 618 Series and Rapiscan® 520 Series X-Ray machines.

To meet its obligations and provide the necessary security services to its students and faculty, The OCOO recommends the services of Rapiscan® Systems to repair, configure and maintain sixty (60) machines, specifically Rapiscan® 618 Series and Rapiscan® 520 Series that detect weapons and contraband entering selected public school sites within the DCPS system. In light of the above findings a sole source award to Rapiscan® Systems is in the best interest the District and would be the most time efficient and cost-effective procurement method.

CERTIFICATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and the anticipated cost to DCPS is fair and reasonable.

Date

Franklin Chrisman, Security Manager

CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION:

Based on the above certified findings in accordance cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371); DC Code 2-354 and 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702.

Date

Cheryl Butler-Moore
Contracting Officer