

CITY OF CARLSBAD SOLE SOURCE AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT REQUEST AND DETERMINATION FORM

A sole source *determination* is not effective until the *sole source request for determination* has been posted for thirty (30) calendar days without challenge, and subsequently approved in writing by the Purchasing Manager. *A purchase order will not be issued and orders may not be placed until the sole source determination as been posted for a minimum of 15 days.*

I. Name of Company: Adaptative Engineering Inc. Date: 9/15/23

Please Check One: New Sole Source Renewal of Existing Sole Source

Please Check One: Product Services Product and Services

Type of Sole Source Requested: *(Please check the one that best describes the type of Sole Source you are requesting)*

Company Sole Source (Only one company can provide the goods or services)

Brand Name Sole Source (Only this brand will serve the intended purpose or function with existing equipment or systems, including software)

Unique Professional Services (Only one company or individual can provide this service due to the creative nature of the service or custom delivery of goods or services that are unique and subject to custom design and/or fabrication.

****Please note- True Professional Services under \$60,000 in value are considered a small purchase and does not require a sole source determination.**

Proprietary Sole Source (Only this company provides this product or service and only this company can provide after sale maintenance, repairs or service agreements)

Local Sole Source (Only one company exists to provide this product or service locally and due to the nature of the purchase, it is not feasible or reasonable to obtain the product or service from non-local sources. Only one local vendor is able to respond to the need in a timely manner due to local proximity)

Amount of Purchase \$ 16,500

II. **Emergency Procurement Request**

DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS:

An emergency condition is a situation which creates a threat to public health, welfare, safety or property such as may arise by reason of floods, epidemics, riots, equipment failures or similar events. The existence of the emergency condition creates an immediate and serious need for services, construction or items of tangible personal property that cannot be met through normal procurement methods and the lack of which would seriously threaten:

- A. the functioning of government;
- B. the preservation or protection of property; or
- C. the health or safety of any person.

Please provide a detailed explanation for why the purchase required meets the above definition of an Emergency Condition.

N/A

** The Emergency Determination will only be in effect as long as needed to alleviate the emergency conditions. Once the emergency condition has passed, regular procurement methods and procedures must be followed.

Amount of purchase: \$ _____

Sole Source Determination

III. Provide a detailed, sufficient explanation of the reasons, qualifications, proprietary rights or unique capabilities of the prospective contractor that makes the prospective contractor *the one source* capable of providing the required professional service, service, construction or item(s) of tangible personal property. (Please do not state the source is the “best” source or the “least costly” source. Those factors do not justify a “sole source.”)

Adaptive Engineering Inc. is the sole manufacturer and distributor of Mobilift TX manually operated wheelchair lifts. (Manufacturer's letter attached)

IV. Provide a detailed, sufficient explanation of how the professional service, service, construction or item(s) of tangible personal property is/are *unique and how this uniqueness is substantially related to the intended purpose of the contract.*

Mobilift TX utilizes technology and manufacturing processes that are unique and proprietary.

- V. Explain why other similar professional services, services, construction or item(s) of tangible personal property *cannot* meet the intended purpose of the contract.

There are other lift designs that could potentially work, but would not be a good option for the City's need. See section VI for full explanation.

- VI. Provide a narrative of the due diligence used in determining the basis for the procurement, including a review of available sources and include Include a list of businesses contacted (*do not state that no other businesses were contacted*), date of contact, method of contact (telephone, mail, e-mail, other), and documentation demonstrating an explanation of why those businesses could not or would not, under any circumstances, provide the goods or services; or an explanation of why the department has determined that no businesses other than the prospective contractor can provide the goods or services requested.

We have searched for a wheelchair lift solution to assist the handicapped in loading onto our pontoon boats at the Pecos River during our Christmas on the Pecos Event. This equipment will allow passenger to enter boats from the floating bridge along the river. There were other options for lifts that were too heavy to connect to the bridge without causing potential damage to the bridge and also relied heavily on hydraulics. This is the only solution that we found that was light weight and did not rely on hydraulics or batteries which would require constant upkeep and could potentially create a hazardous condition on the bridge.

Certified by:

Date: 9/15/2023

K. C. Cass

Department Director

APPROVED:

Date: 9.30.23

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Chief Procurement Officer

Authority to Proceed

- 1) the signature of the CPO on this form certifies the sole source has been posted for thirty (30) calendar days and has received no challenges;
- 2) the sole source is granted as of the date of signature by the State Purchasing Agent; and
- 3) the signature of the CPO on this form is the final signature required for this sole source procurement.

Adaptive Engineering Inc.



2023-09-15

To whom it may concern:

Your organization has expressed interest in purchasing one of our MOBILIFT TX manually operated portable wheelchair lifts.

This letter confirms that Adaptive Engineering Inc. is the sole manufacturer and distributor for this product.

The MOBILIFT TX utilizes technology and manufacturing processes that are unique and proprietary to our company.

Adaptive Engineering Inc has sole-source vendor status with Amtrak, MBTA, MTA, Alaska Rail, and Caltrain in the United States; Via Rail in Canada; and virtually every other commuter and tourist railroad throughout North America.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Graham Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Graham Smith'.

President and CEO
Adaptive Engineering Inc.