

**Determination To Use Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFP)
Method of Procurement**

Bureau Of Procurement

Instructions: This form is to be utilized by Issuing Officers wherein they are required to disclose the justification for use of the competitive sealed proposals method of procurement. Check the appropriate boxes and provide detailed explanation as to why it is not practical or advantageous for the Commonwealth to issue an Invitation for Bids.

The completed form should be submitted to DGS in conjunction with the Notice of Forthcoming Procurements and DGS will post with the solicitation when issued. For agency led procurements the form must be posted with the solicitation issuance.

Requesting Agency Information

Agency:	Department of Transportation		
Address:	400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120		
Agency Contact:	Vincent Chisolm	Telephone No:	717-783-8914

Contract Information

Contract Title:	Pavement Asset Management System
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The use of competitive sealed bidding is not practicable for the Commonwealth to use to award this contract because:
(check all the apply)

X	The agency is seeking a contractor's solution to an agency need.
X	The agency wants to provide offerors with flexibility in the contents of their proposals in terms of materials, services, or construction offered.
X	The scope/statement of work/specifications lack sufficient clarity and specificity in terms of a detailed procurement description to enable submission of definitive bids.

The use of competitive sealed bidding is not advantageous for the Commonwealth to use to award this contract because:
(check all the apply)

X	<p>The agency wants to consider criteria other than price in the award process, in particular, criteria that are subjective in nature:</p> <p>X Small Diverse Business X Domestic Workforce</p> <p>X Contractor qualifications, experience and financial capability X Service & Delivery Capability</p> <p>X Other Criteria : Compatibility with Existing DOT Environment; Solution Alignment with DOT Processes</p>
X	<p>It is not in the agency's or the Commonwealth's best interest to use competitive sealed bidding.</p> <p>Explain: This program entails contracting with an Offeror who can provide a means to interface with many complex independently operated PennDOT systems for collection, conversion, and dissemination of data. Following a detailed study of business needs, PennDOT has determined that several off-the-shelf software products have the ability to automate the current manual processes and improve its overall data management and decision making capabilities.</p> <p>Competitive sealed bidding is not advantageous to the Commonwealth because PennDOT will not have the opportunity to review and evaluate Offeror proposals to ensure that the selected Offeror has provided a solution to the Department's problem which includes the technical expertise to successfully provide this service. The Department's procurement and information technology staff have a unique understanding of the project's needs and requirements. This knowledge and expertise will provide essential project oversight required for this project and will be more cost efficient for the Commonwealth.</p>

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Signature

The printed name on this form shall constitute the signature of the individual and approval for the Agency request. Agencies must ensure that the individual reviews the completed form and gives their consent to apply their printed name on this form. No handwritten signature shall be required in order for the form to be considered "signed" by the individual.

Issuing Office Signature:

Pierre Comrie

Date:

12/24/12