

DETERMINATION DECISION MEMO

Commonwealth Technology Center

Project Number: 920-1 Phase 3

Location: Dauphin County

Est. Construction Duration: 270 Calendar Days

DETERMINATION REGARDING THE USE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) METHOD OF PROCUREMENT

The Commonwealth Technology Center (CTC) serves as a major data processing center for the entire Commonwealth. The use of the standard competitive sealed bid process for the removal of the existing halon fire suppression system in the existing CTC data center and its replacement with a proprietary chemical extinguishing system is not practical or advantageous to the Commonwealth. Specifically:

- The Commonwealth Technology Center is a critical facility that must remain operational and occupied during construction. The Project will require contractors with demonstrated experience in sequencing work, scheduling and coordination in regard to an operational and occupied building.
- The project includes a proprietary clean agent fire extinguishing system for which the Commonwealth will benefit from evaluating the contractor's experiences with it.
- With the removal of the raised floors and ceiling to perform the necessary fire protection and HVAC work, the project will require contractors with demonstrated experience around operating computer equipment.
- The project includes a proprietary HVAC and Building Management System for which the Commonwealth will benefit from evaluating the contractor's experiences.

The above factors demonstrate unique construction considerations on this project, which requires specific contractor knowledge, skill and experience to safely and successfully complete the renovations to the Commonwealth Technology Center. Consequently, it is not practical or advantageous to use the competitive sealed bidding process because the low bid approach does not allow the Commonwealth to consider the specific factors presented herein, along with the cost, in the award process.

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Date