

**INTENT TO AWARD SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

<b>Title</b>	Food Pantry and Pop-up Market Production Services
<b>Notice Date</b>	April 3, 2019
<b>Response Due Date</b>	April 12, 2019
<b>Reference Number</b>	R0013246
<b>Contract Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics staff has extensive knowledge of the nutrient profile of the Firebird Farm fields.</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics staff has extensive knowledge of the terrain challenges presented by Firebird Farm:</li> <li>• PMO's Farm Manager was part of the contracting team that, in 2011, (1) cleared, (2) leveled, (3) drained, and (4) prepared the new planting fields for cultivation.</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics already possesses the scale-appropriate tractors/equipment to cultivate Firebird Farm's clay-heavy soils in varied weather conditions.</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics staff has a combined forty years of experience growing food for market.</li> <li>• PMO has maintained a professional relationship with UDC for more than ten years.</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics has successfully completed and received Nutrient Management Certification by Maryland Department of Agriculture (2018).</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics is a certified Pesticide Applicator for the state of Maryland.</li> <li>• Purple Mountain Organics has installed irrigation systems at Firebird Farm for the past eight years.</li> </ul>
<b>Vendor Name</b>	Purple Mountain Organics

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR A  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**Agency:** University of the District of Columbia  
**Requisition Number:**R0013246  
**Caption:** Food Pantry and Pop-up Market Production Services  
**Contractor:** Purple Mountain Organics

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

D.C. Official Code §2-303.05(a)(1) and 8 DCMR Section 3019

**2. Minimum Need:**

The University of the District of Columbia has a need for a Contractor to provide the aforementioned services.

**3. Estimated Reasonable Cost:**


The estimated reasonable cost is \$20,000.00

**4. Facts Which Justify Sole Source Procurement:**

- Purple Mountain Organics staff has extensive knowledge of the nutrient profile of the Firebird Farm fields.
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5. **Certification by the Contract Specialist:**


I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete.


  
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Anthony Berry  
Contract Specialist (CS)

  
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Date

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with D.C. Official Code §2-303.05(a)(1) and 8 DCMR Section 3019, I hereby determine that the subject procurement action may be procured using the sole source method of procurement.

  
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Eddie Whitaker  
Contracting Officer (CO)

  
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Date

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