

Justification for Sec. 040(a)(1)
Capitol Complex Audiovisual System Design Services

Under Sec. 040 of the Legislative Procurement Procedures, I have determined that (1) it is not practicable to solicit for Capitol Complex audiovisual system design services using a competitive solicitation method; and (2) that award of the contract to K2, LLC (K2) is in the best interest of the Legislative Council and Legislative Affairs Agency (Agency).

Using the competitive solicitation process for design and other services related to the Capitol Complex audiovisual system is not practicable because the competitive solicitation process is likely to impede the ability to design a system compatible with the Legislature's required and unique specifications. The scope of this project requires a vendor with experience working in legislative chambers and a comprehensive understanding of the legislative process the system will support. A competitive solicitation process that results in a contract award going to an inexperienced vendor risks a sub-par design that does not meet the unique needs of the legislature, and which may not be apparent until the system is installed. Because of the extreme time constraints of legislative session, the Legislature cannot afford to have an audiovisual system that requires frequent troubleshooting, increased operating costs, or inadequate operational support. Additionally, initial research over the last year produced no viable instate audiovisual system vendor options.

The Agency worked with the National Conference of State Legislatures to identify vendors that work with legislative chambers across the nation and K2 was the only vendor with the expertise required for this project. K2 has experience serving multiple state legislatures and worked extensively on system design for congressional committee rooms in Washington, DC. There is no other comparable vendor with such extensive legislative experience.

For these reasons I have determined that it is not practicable to issue a competitive solicitation for this project. Further, it is in the best interest of Legislative Council, the Legislative Affairs Agency, and, ultimately, of the Legislature, to retain K2 for design and other related services under sec. 040.

Representative Sara Hannan, Chair
Alaska Legislative Council
Procurement Officer