



NOTICE OF PROPOSED SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT
this is not a competitive bid/proposal

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Procurement Policy provides that sole source procurements may be used only when the Award of a Contract is infeasible under other source selection methods, and at least one of the following circumstances applies: (a) The required goods or services are of a specialized nature requiring expertise that is only available from a single source; (b) The public exigency or emergency for the required goods or services will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitations; (c) After solicitations of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

The UTA Purchasing Department has received a request to make the following sole source procurement:

Product and/or Service to be purchased: Federal External Government Relations Services

Contract Duration: 10/2025 – 10/2026 (Approximately)

Proposed Sole Source Supplier: Barker Leavitt

Estimated Total: \$ 323,535.12

Sole Source Justification: The Government Relations Department is currently recruiting a new Government Relations Director, and that recruitment is taking significantly longer than anticipated. It is our desire to maintain the consistency of our existing lobbying consultants until we are able to hire a new Director. It is also our desire to have our new Government Relations Director be a part of the procurement selection process for these critical consultants.

The recent change in Administration under President Trump has significantly shifted federal transportation strategy and our existing consultants are integrally involved with UTA's initiatives with the FTA and our Congressional delegation. We believe the continuity of their support as we pursue immediate opportunities in 2025 and 2026 is critical to our success. Those initiatives include a new Transportation Reauthorization bill as well as pursuit of Community Investment Grant (CIG) funds for the FrontRunner 2X Project.

Notice Start Date: Sept. 22, 2025 2:00 PM MDT

Notice End Date: Sept. 29, 2025 2:00 PM MDT

Due Date for Comments: Sept. 26, 2025 2:00 PM MDT

Earliest Date for Purchase: Oct. 2025

Action to be Taken: No action is required if you agree this proposed purchase is a valid sole source. If for any reason you do not agree with the proposed sole source procurement, you wish to comment, or object, please email your comments noting so to Troy Hamilton, UTA Manager of Procurement, at thamilton@rideuta.com prior to the "Due Date for Comments" indicated above. Please do not submit questions, bids, no-bids, or proposals in response to this notice. This is a request for information only.

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Bid Comments: THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR BID OR PROPOSAL – THIS IS A PUBLIC POSTING FOR A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE ONLY.
A copy of information related to this sole source procurement will be made available

for public inspection, upon request, at the main office of UTA.

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