

**THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

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The Chief Procurement Officer of the District of Columbia, pursuant to authority granted by sections 202(a) and 204 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985, as amended, effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code §§2-302.02(a) and 2-302.04) (PPA), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following emergency rules, amending Chapter 19 of Title 27 of the *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Contracts and Procurements)*. The amended rule will permit a contract for IT consultant personal services to be extended to five (5) years.

These emergency rules are needed to allow the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) to extend IT consultant personal services contracts for personnel involved in the implementation of the District's Administrative Services Modernization Program (ASMP). ASMP is modernizing the major administrative functions of the District government over a five-year period (FY 2002-2006) by automating eight major administrative services: procurement, human resources (HR), benefits administration, payroll, time and attendance, budget, property management, and pension administration. It is a critical citywide initiative, expected to yield enormous benefits in efficiency, government transparency and employee job satisfaction. Without these emergency rules, OCTO will be unable to continue the current personal services contract with the Director of the ASMP project. To keep ASMP on schedule and on budget, it is vital that the District maintain continuity of leadership through the implementation of the remaining seven modules.

The Mayor of the District of Columbia also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. The Mayor will submit the rules to the Council of the District of Columbia for a sixty (60) day period of review pursuant to subsection 205(a) of the PPA (D.C. Official Code §2-302.05(a)), and will not take final rulemaking action until completion of the 60-day review period or Council approval of the rules by resolution before the end of the review period.

CHAPTER 19

CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES

*Section 1902.7 is amended to read as follows:*

**1902 CONTRACTING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

1902.7 A contract for IT consultant personal services may be extended by modification, but in no event shall the period of the base contract and any extensions exceed five (5) years.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments, in writing, and send them to the Chief Procurement Officer, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 700 South, Washington, D.C. 20001. Comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. A copy of this emergency and proposed rulemaking may be obtained at the same address.