

Office of the Illinois State Treasurer
Michael Frerichs

Sole Source Procurement Notice

Agreement for American Express Card Acceptance

American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

November 5, 2019

I. Introduction

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (“Treasurer”) is issuing this Sole Source Procurement Notice pursuant to Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer’s Procurement Rules (“Rules”), 44 ILAC 1400.2025(e).

The Treasurer entered into a contract (“Agreement”) with American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. (“Contractor” or “American Express”) November 18, 2009, which contract expires November 17, 2019. The Agreement governs the acceptance of American Express cards by certain State entities that participate in the Treasurer’s E-Pay program. No other vendor can provide American Express card services other than Contractor.

Accordingly, the Treasurer wishes to continue to retain Contractor pursuant to a new contract to ensure that E-Pay participants can continue to accept American Express cards.

II. Chief Procurement Officer

The Chief Procurement Office who will perform this Sole Source Procurement is:

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Chief Procurement Officer
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III. Name of Proposed Sole Source Vendor

American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

IV. Brief Description of What Vendor Will Do or Provide

Contractor will allow American Express card acceptance by participating E-Pay entities.

V. Contract Price

Contractor will charge a rate of 2.15% of the face amount of charges submitted.

VI. Reason Why Contractor was Determined to be the Sole Economically Feasible Source

This is appropriate under Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules, 44 ILAC 1400.2025(b) because the service of American Express card acceptance is only available from a single supplier: American Express.