

Issue 3 - HACD not following HUD procurement regulations or its own procurement policy

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The Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb did not follow HUD regulations or its own procurement policy when awarding a contract(s) to SundogIT – Cohen Barnes' company. I have attached an email that I sent to the Executive Director and the board of commissioners. Below is HACD's response in its report - 2021 Citizen Comments, Complaints & HACD Response:

We do not deny that Sundog is not on the RFP listing. RFP listing is not a mandatory report or requirement, and the listing and overall purchasing process continues to evolve. We do not deny that Sundog has remained in house and nor do we deny that we have not conducted an RFP for managed IT services. TBCNet/Sundog built HACD infrastructure more than 20 years ago, and we equate it similar to our housing software.

HACD does not have the technical capability on staff and must utilize contract services that can provide the expertise required to keep our agency functioning at a high secure level, connecting all four office sites, working remotely, and functioning with our housing software. All Sundog invoices, contracts, bids, emails, payments etc. can be accounted for and have been provided.

Monthly Services received and paid to Sundog:

TotalCare \$3,628.40 (server, network, DNS, AV, patching, remote, wireless, firewalls, virus, backup, computer labs)
Office 365 \$348.50 (Business premium, exchange)
Sundog VOICE \$888.35 (phones, services)

HACD will continue to improve in this area, but we vehemently deny any unethical or dishonest activity. Procurement Chart is not part of the Procurement Policy. The chart was a document received at a training and modified to use internally for management staff reference.

I received the procurement chart from Shelly Perkins in a FOIA response. The procurement chart reflects HACD's procurement policy.

Unfortunately, there are other questionable bids/awards.

The contract term is five years – Shelly Perkins tells me it is the standard HUD contract. There is no contract term in the contract. The contract is broken into three contracts.

The County Board and HUD need to investigate this contract and other questionable contracts and treatment of bidders of dubious contracts. The County Board should hold a hearing on the operation of the

Housing Authority.

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