

**DTERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SINGLE AVAILABLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Agency: Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)
Caption: Therapeutic Group Home Services
Contractor: The Children Guild Inc.
Contract Number: DCRL-2017-R-0004

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency is seeking a Contractor to provide services to children and adolescents with trauma disorders, who have been traumatized by life experiences or who have autism spectrum disorder and/or multiple disabilities in Maryland and Washington D.C.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE COST:

\$411,720.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SINGLE AVAILABLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Children's Guild Inc. is a nonprofit, child-serving organization who is unique in two ways they serve as an operating hospital and school for children with autism spectrum disorder and/or multiple disabilities in Maryland and Washington D.C. The Children's Guild has become one of the largest providers of special education, group living, treatment foster care and family mental health services in Maryland and Washington D.C. The Children's Guild programs are guided by Transformation Education (TranZed), an organizational philosophy that fosters a culture of flexibility. The culture creates management and staff who are agile thinkers. This assures children are treated as individuals and taught the way they learn best.

TranZed also infuses the beliefs and values of the Children's Guild into the look of its physical environment, child-caring and educational approaches, the mindset of its employees, and its operating systems. The design of the physical environment and the approaches used to care for and educate children are based on the newest findings in neuroscience, and therefore creates an enriched, brain-compatible environment. This philosophy has been proven to: (1) increase return to less restrictive environment, (2)

increase ability to manage difficult children, (3) increase academic scores, (4) decrease child care worker, foster parent and teacher turnover rates, (5) decrease need for physical crisis intervention (6) decrease time focused on crisis management and (7) decrease cost of deliberate destruction and damage.

The Children's Guild's educational programs are approved by the Maryland State Department of Education, and its child-caring programs and mental health center are licensed by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Children's Guild day schools in Baltimore City and Prince George's County are accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services.

Failure to allow The Children's Guild to continue providing services for Therapeutic Group Home Services for the stated period of time would seriously jeopardize the continuation of necessary governmental functions and may jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the District's children and youth.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the District to proceed with a one year HCA sole source contract for a period of one year (1), so as to prevent any disruption of services for CFSA children and youth.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 402 of the Procurement Practices reform Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02). I further find that the contractor listed above is the only available source that can meet the District's minimum needs. Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer