

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2014-R-0072
CAPTION: PS-MAPP Training
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Children's Alliance of Kansas
PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), is seeking a contractor to conduct PS-MAPP Certification Training utilizing the Trauma Informed PS-MAPP Leader Training and Caring for Our Own curriculum. The period of performance shall be Date of Award through September 30, 2014.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$80 ,000.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The proposed contractor is the only entity capable of meeting the District's minimum need during the proposed period of performance.

A. The Children's Alliance is a non-profit organization that provides training, consultation and networking resources to Child Welfare agencies across the nation and internationally. The Children's Alliance is the sole proprietor of PS-MAPP and owns the rights to any of the information that is upgraded in the training curriculum. PS-MAPP is currently the pre-service training curriculum for the District of Columbia. The National MAPP Network meets regularly to review and ensure that our programs are current in practice and meet the needs of the agencies that use our tools and resources.

These tools and resources include:

- Trauma Informed PS-MAPP Leader Training – shall acquaint up to 24 leaders and participants with the Trauma Informed PS-MAPP Program. This meeting explains the process of becoming a foster or adoptive parent and the legal foundation for child welfare services.
 - Partnering for Safety and Permanence - Model Approaches to Partnership in Parenting Programs (PS-MAPP) • Trauma Informed PS-MAPP Leader Training •Caring for Our Own •In-Service Series.
 - Preparation for Group Preparation and Selection process - After the first consultation, candidates are able to identify the learning design for MAPP Leader development provided in the PS-MAPP Trainer’s Guide; identify the learning design for parent development provided in the PS-MAPP Leader’s Guide; and identify personal expectations.
- B. The last update for PS-MAPP for the District of Columbia was in 2003. D.C. seeks to upgrade the pre-service training to its 2014 version and supplement the training with other curriculums that are adjunctive to MAPP such as the Deciding Together and Caring For Our Own."
- C. In 2009, The Children’s Alliance of Kansas purchased all copyrights to the material and program and intellectual properties for the Caring for Our Own program from the Child Welfare Institute.
- D. In 2011, Children’s Alliance partnered with Zelma Smith, original author, and updated the program by integrating trauma informed research and language as well as incorporating the latest legislation on kinship care and services.
- E. Children’s Alliance is currently working with a national workgroup to develop online tools and resources for potential foster/adoptive families.
- F. Children’s Alliance also consulted with nationally known experts on kinship care and reviewed the professional literature on the topic.

CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Agency Director
Brenda Donald

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.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
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 sole 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
Chief Contracting Officer