

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

CONTRACT NO: RQ915968

CAPTION: OSSE – ESSE Professional Development on Data Analysis

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: The New Teacher Project (TNTP)

PROGRAM AGENCY: Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) on behalf of Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701, PPR § 404

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is seeking a contractor to administer the online survey called “The New Teacher Project Instructional Culture Insight Survey (“The School Insight Survey”)”, and collect and analyze staffing data, as they relate to the recruitment, distribution, and retention of teachers at high-need schools. The contractor will partner with OSSE and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to develop a data collection strategy and conduct high quality analysis of staffing data.

Period of performance is one year from the date of award.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price is \$94,836.00.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The requirements are met by TNTP and because they have intellectual property rights to The School Insight Survey. The majority by 80% of District Public Schools, Public Charter Schools, and LEA’s within the District uses The School Insight Survey for collection and analyzing staffing data. The requirements on the Scope of Work require the Contractor to use and administer The School Insight Survey.

A market survey was conducted and twenty-eight (28) Vendors were contacted and asked if they own a school culture survey which is administrated to teachers; if the survey was administrated in D.C. Public and Public Charter Schools; does the Vendor have the ability to collect and securely store sensitive data; does the Vendor have experience in writing and publishing research papers and reports, where teacher inputs, and school climate survey results are correlated with outcomes; does the Vendor have experience with data collection strategy and methodology for analyzing teacher supply and demand; has the Vendor worked in collaboration with D.C. LEAs on the data collection analysis; has the Vendor provided in person trainings to D.C. Educators on collecting, analyzing and using data related to recruitment and retention of staff? The results were out of twenty-eight (28) Vendors only one (1) answered “yes” to all the questions. This making TNTP the only vendor able to meet the requirements. Out of the twenty-eight (28) Vendors that were asked the questions, twenty-two (22) were D.C. Preferred Vendors. The twenty-eight (28) Vendors that were contacted are: American Institute of Research, Ava Consulting, Blackwire Technologies, Brown Naff Pitts Omnimedia Inc., Centricity Technology Partners LLC, Changing Technologies Inc., Code IT Inc., Crew Solutions Inc., CTI Global Solutions Inc., Datapillars Inc., Ghost Note Media, Global Meridian IT, Hill Technologies, IBSS, ICI Systems Inc., Incapsulate, Integral Services LLC, Programmatic Engineering Group Inc., Promesa Consulting Group Inc., RPW AJIIC Inc., Sanametrix Inc., Solvegy, Syber Enterprise Group Inc., T.Spears Office Management LLC, TEMBO, TNTP, Unity Business Solution, and UPD Consulting.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Hanseul Kang

State Superintendent of Education

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] [the response receive was rejected because ____]. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Marie Niestrath
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 solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

George A. Schutter III
Chief Procurement Officer