

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

CONTRACT NO: RQ921265

CAPTION: OAG Human Trafficking Initiative – Not Buying It Campaign

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Street Grace, Inc.

PROGRAM AGENCY: Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) is seeking to join Street Grace, Inc.’s Not Buying It Program to procure technical and substantive assistance in its Human Trafficking Initiative designed to aid its ability to make sound prosecution decisions in juvenile case matters.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$7,500.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Public Safety Division (“PSD”) screens for prosecution all arrests of juveniles charged as delinquents or with status offenses in the District of Columbia. Our screening has revealed that a large number of youth who may be arrested and referred for prosecution have been trafficked, or are suspected of being at risk for sex trafficking. PSD attempts to determine, based upon this initial screening, whether these youth are receiving any services through any social service systems, are in the juvenile justice or neglect systems, or could benefit from special attention to their particular needs. PSD works with attorneys and staff from the Family Services Division of OAG (“FSD”) to identify and appropriately triage these types of matters. Additionally, because of the increase in the number of youth identified as being in this category, both Divisions have embarked on a Human Trafficking Initiative which includes several projects that focus on raising awareness and education on the issue of domestic minor sex trafficking and the commercial sex exploitation of children. These projects include training for mandated reporters, community awareness, participation in the Citywide Human Trafficking Taskforce executive, policy and outreach committees, participating in multi-disciplinary case reviews focused on children at risk for sexual exploitation, and involvement in the development of a Family Court protocol to identify, assess and treat victims of commercial sex

exploitation. By joining “Not Buying It”, PSD and FSD will gain resources to assist in its prosecutions and efforts to seek rehabilitation for youth affected by commercial sex exploitation and trafficking, and will increase the impact of its work in all of the above areas. Additionally, attorneys in both Divisions will have more tools that directly contribute to the expansion of efforts to combat the commercial sex exploitation of children through outreach efforts and multi-media efforts.

The OAG Human Trafficking Initiative will use the resources of the Not Buying It program as part of OAG’s broad work in making the community safer for children and youth in the District of Columbia. The Not Buying It program was developed through a partnership between Street Grace, Inc. and the Georgia Attorney General’s office. The Not Buying It campaign focuses on using public and community awareness to end domestic minor sex trafficking throughout the United States. The campaign offers its member’s templates for outreach materials and public service announcements that seek to focus on ending the demand for illegal sex. Additionally, the campaign provides resources and support for its members to tailor the templates for specific directives and problems that are distinctive to a particular jurisdiction. By signing on to the campaign, the Public Safety and Family Services Divisions will be able to leverage the templates, materials, and technical assistance of Not Buying It to support OAG’s work in the juvenile delinquency, truancy and child protection areas. With the resources available through Not Buying It, OAG will be able to build a more effective victim referral system, develop trainings for stakeholders in the juvenile justice and abuse and neglect systems, identify youth who are at risk for trafficking through intake and many other important projects that will assist it to make more informed prosecutorial choices and better legal decisions in all of its cases.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Karl A, Racine
Attorney General for the District of Columbia

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. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Emma Clark
Agency 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