

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

CONTRACT NO: DCRL-2013-R-0080

CAPTION: Foster Youth Academies

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: First Star

PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has a need for a contractor with an already established record and located in the District to provide youth in foster care with educational opportunities that are college-focused residential programs with monthly follow-up programs.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$66,000.00

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Children in foster care are at risk of missing the benefits of success gained through higher education. Nationwide it is estimated that 24% of the youth will achieve a college degree; however, only 3% of the youth in foster care will achieve a college degree.

First Star is a not for profit based in the District of Columbia. Through its Foster Youth Academies program, First Star offers college-focused residential programs located *on college campuses* with monthly follow-up program which include academic support, enrichment and encouragement to help them prepare for and enter two- and four-year colleges and laying a foundation to improve the likelihood that these youth will seek and attain higher education, good jobs, personal wellbeing, career advancement, economic independence.

First Star has already started this program in Los Angeles and the state of Rhode Island, since 2011 and 2012 respectively. The Los Angeles County Department of Children and

Family Services endorsed the academy as a way to afford foster youth "opportunities that would otherwise not be available.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Director, [Insert Agency]

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 on the Office of Contracting and Procurement's website on approximately March 22, 2013, and that [no response was received] or [the response received was rejected because _____]. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer