

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**Agency:** Department on Disability Services  
**Contractor:** The Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development-  
University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities  
**Contract No.:** DCJM-2011-C-0012  
**Caption:** DDA Quality Assurance Health Initiative

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

Title IV, § 404(b), D.C. Law 18-371, Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, eff. Apr. 8, 2011, 55 DCR 1185 (Feb. 11, 2011).

**2. Minimum Need:**

The Department on Disability Services (DDS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), requires services of a contractor with demonstrated capacity and experience to work with the District's DDA service delivery system, Hospital, Primary Care, Specialty Care, Nursing and Clinical associations and networks, Medical Schools, and the District of Columbia Departments of Health and Health Care Finance. The contractor shall support and coordinate a comprehensive effort of capacity building and innovation to advance a quality assurance and improvement initiative to assist the District of Columbia's DDA in meeting its regulatory and legal requirements. The initiative will focus on health and related health issues that impact access to quality services and supports and ultimately quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities.

The Contractor shall have experience working in the context of a class action lawsuit, be familiar with the issues surrounding the more than 35-year old case of *Evans v. Gray*, which is nearing conclusion, and shall have credibility with and be acceptable to the plaintiffs, Court Monitor, Independent Compliance Administrator and other *Evans* stakeholders.

**3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:**

The estimated price is \$736,356.96 per year at a monthly price of \$61,363.08. The price for optional item 3, *Reducing risks associated with hospitalization* is \$75,597.00. The prices are considered fair and reasonable based upon the value of the services to DDS and a cost analysis performed by the Contracting Officer with input from the Director.

**4. Facts that Justify a Sole Source Procurement:**

- a. For more than forty years, the Georgetown University-University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (Georgetown) has been recognized as a national, regional, and local leader and made significant contributions to improving the quality of life for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as children and youth who experience or are at risk for a broad spectrum of special needs and their families. The mission of the Georgetown University-University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (Georgetown) is to promote self-determination, productivity, independence, and inclusion of individuals with developmental and other disabilities across the life span, and in all aspects of community life. Foundational to its core functions are its collaborative partnerships with and on behalf of people who experience disabilities and their families.
- b. Under contract to DDS for the past six years, Georgetown led the collaboration known as the D.C. Health Resources Partnership whose goal was to expand the community health care capacity to provide health and mental health services that are accessible to individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, and to implement strategies to promote quality health outcomes for this population. The D.C. Health Resources Partnership conducted an array of activities to fulfill this goal including (1) recruiting and maintaining a resource pool of health care providers; (2) providing enhanced knowledge and understanding to individuals, families and health professionals of the unique health issues experienced by people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities; and (3) providing improved coordination of health care for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and improved consistency in the delivery of health care through the identification and promotion of best health care practices.
- c. By virtue of its past experience, Georgetown is thoroughly familiar with the DDS/DDA and the ongoing case of *Evans v Gray*, is experienced working in the context of a class action lawsuit, and is familiar with the issues surrounding the conclusion of the case of *Evans v. Gray*. Further, Georgetown has the credibility and is acceptable to the plaintiffs, Court Monitor, Independent Compliance Administrator and other *Evans* stakeholders. This makes Georgetown uniquely qualified to perform the required services under the proposed contract.
- d. A notice of intent to award a sole source contract to the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development-University was posted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement website on June 20, 2011. After posting for ten days and since that time, no other contractor has challenged the notice.

- e. There is no other source reasonably available to perform the required services within the time period needed.

**CERTIFICATION OF FINDINGS**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are true, accurate and sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited statutory authority.

8/11/2011  
Date

Laura L. Nuss  
Laura L. Nuss, Director  
Department on Disability Services

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the above-stated authority, I hereby determine that the Department on Disability Services is justified in awarding a contract through noncompetitive negotiations with the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development-University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities for the services described above.

8/11/2011  
Date

Janice P. Watson  
Janice Parker Watson  
Chief Contracting Officer  
Department on Disability Services