

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-0028
CAPTION: Wraparound Service
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC)
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 Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has an immediate need for the services of a contractor in the State of Georgia known to achieve outcomes that improve the well-being of youth.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$36,500.00

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- a. CFSA currently houses a Client in a residential treatment facility in Kansas. The client no longer needs to be in a residential facility, but cannot come back to the DC area, due to safety concerns. The Client's father has agreed to take custody of the youth, under protective supervision. In order to assist the father with the Client's needs, CFSA needs to put wraparound services in place to assist the Client with obtaining therapy, getting connected to medical care, and learning life skills (i.e. budgeting, learning how to take public transportation, seek employment).
- b. CFSA attended a Youth Thrive conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP), the District's court appointed monitor for the LaShawn v. Gray Implementation and Exit Plan. At this conference, CSSP presented fifteen (15) winners of CSSP's Youth Thrive Initiative.
- c. YouthThrive is a multi-year initiative undertaken by CSSP which examines how foster youth can be supported in ways that advance healthy development and well-being, and reduce the impact of negative life experiences.

- d. CSSP conducted a nationwide search to identify initiatives making a critical difference in the lives of youth who are in foster care or involved with child welfare systems, and recognized Fifteen (15) local, state, and national youth and family serving programs as exemplifying CSSP's Youth Thrive™ framework. These 15 programs represent organizations and agencies that are achieving outcomes that are improving the well-being of vulnerable youth by understanding their unique challenges, creating opportunities, and sticking with them.
- e. MAAC was one of the winners of CSSP's Youth Thrive Initiative and the only program located in the State of Georgia.
- f. For the above reasons, a market survey was not performed, since the contract will simply expand the services of the grant to include CFSA referrals of eligible children and families.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director
Child and Family Services 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 and that no response was received.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency 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 either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice 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