

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-0043
CAPTION: Educational Consulting Services
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: American Bar Association (ABA)
PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has a continuing need for the American Bar Association (ABA) Center on Children and the Law to assist in implementation and provide strategic guidance on the cohesive strategy and recommendations developed by the ABA for CFSA to ensure education stability, achievement, and success for all children within the Child and Family Services Agency.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

N/A

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

A. The ABA Legal Center provides expertise and relevant information to states and constituents, facilitates networking to advance promising practices and reforms, and provides technical assistance to respond to the ever-growing demands for legal support and guidance. In particular, the Legal Center has developed extensive expertise in the education stability provisions of the Fostering Connections Act as well as devoted extensive time and resources developing expertise in data collection and sharing information across agencies and systems, with particular expertise in legal confidentiality considerations and requirements. With a robust functional assessment in place, CFSA and DMH will have the ability to strongly connect needs

to services, evaluate a child's well-being over time, and to inform broader outcomes related to monitoring and system level decisions about service array planning and contracts.

- B. The ABA Legal Center staff has had a long-time connection with CFSA and other partner agencies, including the schools (DCPS, OSSE, and the Charter School Board) and courts, within the District of Columbia and is familiar with many of the education related efforts that exist to support the needs of children in foster care.
- C. Beginning in March of 2014, the ABA Legal Center staff began gathering information, aligning existing efforts and proposed recommendations to design a cohesive strategy to support education stability, achievement, and success for all children within the Child and Family Services Agency. As a result, the ABA Legal Center staff is familiar with CFSA, the strategy, and current progress towards implementation. CFSA, with assistance from the ABA Legal Center, is currently in the process of implementing the recommendations and strategy. As such, the ABA Legal Center is in a unique position to continue to provide support and technical assistance throughout the implementation phase.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Director
Raymond Davidson

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

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Procurement 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 Procurement Officer