

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

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2017-R-0006
CAPTION: Trauma Systems Therapy (TST) Coaching Evaluation and Mentoring

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Abyssinia Washington Clinical Consulting, LLC
PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)

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 a contractor to continue providing coaching, evaluation and mentoring to social workers, management staff and foster parents to support the implementation of the TST model after CFSA staff receive training.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

\$150,000.00.

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- (a) CFSA was awarded a five year federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services', Administration for Children and Families for a demonstration project called "Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Practice in the District of Columbia: System Transformation to Impact Outcomes for Children in Child Welfare". CFSA chose an evidence based model called TST, to implement as the social work practice model to meet the requirements of the grant through developing a trauma informed child welfare system.
- (b) Trauma informed practice is a highly specialized area of practice. Coaching and mentoring requires a person with extensive knowledge and experience of trauma practice with children and families involved in the child welfare system. Specifically, it is important that the contractor has knowledge and experience of CFSA in working with child welfare clients focused on trauma focused practice.
- (c) The proposed provider, Dr. Abyssinia Washington. is an expert in trauma practice in the field of child welfare and meets the requirements needed of knowledge and skill in the District of Columbia. Dr. Washington worked as the Clinical Services Director at Safe Shores, the D.C. Children's Advocacy Center, where she provided the continuum of