

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON
SOLE SOURCE BASIS**

Program Agency: Department of Behavioral Health
Proposed Contractor: Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development

Contract Number: RM-17-SS-029-BY0-DJW
Caption: Evaluation Services for SAMHSA System of Care Expansion Cooperative Agreement

AUTHORITY

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

1. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of Behavioral Health is seeking a District of Columbia based academic institution with a successful history of conducting research focused on early childhood behavioral health and the development of a system of care for early childhood to provide data collection, performance measurement and overall evaluation services for SAMHSA Grant 1H79SM063426- the District of Columbia Social, Emotional and Early Development (DC SEED) project.

2. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The total available funding to be allocated for the Contractor services is in the amount of \$150,000.00. The DBH Program has completed a review of Child/Youth SAMHSA grant program evaluator services and the Contractor's price is consistent with similar grant evaluation projects.

The price shall cover the design, data collection and analysis of all evaluation activities including participation in the National evaluation, acquisition and reporting on the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data in the Transformation and Accountability System (TRAC) and the local evaluation to include both process and outcome assessment utilizing a mixed method protocol that measures the implementation and impact of the grant-funded activities. Evaluation activities are integral to the program's conceptualization, implementation, and outcomes for the grant. As required by SAMHSA, evaluators are required to participate in relevant grant meetings and national conferences. Responsibilities also include the development of evaluation reports and other administrative related activities.

3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION:

The Department of Behavioral Health has identified Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development (GUCCHD) as the only local university based program with the capability for providing a SAMHSA compliant evaluation of an Early Childhood System of Care. GUCCHD for 25 years has served as the SAMHSA-funded National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health. GUCCHD has an early childhood team that has been a leader in the development of systems of care that focus on the needs of young children.

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As part of their role as the National Technical Assistance center, a toolkit to support the creation of early childhood systems of care was developed. GUCCHD served for five years as the evaluators of

the Healthy Futures project, an evidence informed mental health consultation project in child development centers across the District of Columbia based on a model developed by GUCCHD. Healthy Futures was funded by Project Launch which was a partnership across federal agencies including Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration for Children and Families, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The GUCCHD has an extensive successful record of engagement in SAMHSA funded projects with successful implementation of broad based evaluation projects that meet SAMHSA requirements including participation in the cross-site National evaluation and the collection and reporting of all GPRA data in TRAC.

Additionally, in the DC SEED grant application that was approved by SAMHSA, GUCCHD was named as the evaluator. Grant reviewers indicated this as a highly positive element of the application. Dr. Deborah Perry is the Director of Research and Evaluation at GUCCHD. Her background includes published research on social and emotional health in early childhood. The project coordinator, Lan Le has over ten years' experience serving as a policy associate for the SAMHSA-funded National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health.

Immediate engagement of the evaluators is essential for the successful implementation of the DC SEED project in the time frames established by SAMHSA. GUCCHD is available to participate immediately in the planning and project development currently being initiated in order to have services in place by April, 2017.

CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director
Department of Behavioral Health

Date

5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

Denise Wells, CPPB
Contract Specialist

Date

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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.

Margaret T. Desper, CPPB
Contracting Officer

Date