

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR SINGLE AVAILABLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Agency: Child and Family Services Agency
Caption: Community Based Child Welfare Services
Contractor: The Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaborative Council
Contract Number: DCRL-2013-R-0006
Expiration: September 30, 2013

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR §§ 1207 and 1702.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has the following minimum need:

- (a) CFSA has a need for the continued development and implementation of a community-based child welfare service delivery network located in a distinct geographic area in the District and to work in tandem with CFSA by providing community-based, preventative and supportive aftercare and related child welfare services to District of Columbia residents, including wards of the District and their families, and families in crisis who are in danger of entering into the child welfare system.
- (b) The contractor listed above is currently providing design, implementation and evaluation of the array of neighborhood-based community child welfare services performed by the neighborhood Collaboratives, and has existing systems in place to provide said services. These systems were developed over many years with close coordination with the Human Services Committee of the Council of the District of Columbia (DC Council).
- (c) The Agency has a need for Community-Based child welfare services for children and families in order to maintain compliance with the *LaShawn A. v. Gray* Implementation and Exit Plan (IEP), and to prevent a disruption of services throughout the District.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE COST:

The estimated reasonable cost for providing design, implementation and evaluation of the array of neighborhood-based community child welfare services performed by the Collaboratives, by the contractor listed above, is five hundred forty four thousand, fifty five dollars and zero cents (\$544,055.00).

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SINGLE AVAILABLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The proposed contractor is the only entity capable of meeting the District's minimum need during the proposed period of performance. First, CFSA, as part of the ongoing *LaShawn A. v. Gray* federal litigation, is required to utilize community based child welfare services. *LaShawn A. v. Barry*—a class action lawsuit that was brought against the District on behalf of abused and neglected children in 1989—resulted in a Court Order requiring the city to improve its services to abused and neglected children and their families; the Order includes a requirement to develop neighborhood-based services. Second, the proposed contractor is currently contracted with the District of Columbia to provide design, implementation and evaluation of the array of neighborhood-based community child welfare services performed by the neighborhood Collaboratives. Third, the proposed contractor has experience providing said services on behalf of CFSA and in its specified wards of the District of Columbia. Fourth, the proposed contractor is based in the District of Columbia and is composed of two voting and one alternate member from each of the five Collaboratives, in addition to four key associate organizations which serve as associate members of the Council, including the Consortium for Child Welfare, the Center for the Study of Social Policy, DC Action for Children, and DC Children’s Trust Fund. Finally, the proposed contractor has demonstrated sufficient staffing and the financial soundness over the last few years, which is necessary to provide said services.

5. CERTIFICATION:

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

Yorjai Chandy
Contract Specialist

Date

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 Section 402 of the Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02). I further find that the contractor listed above is the only available source that can meet the District’s minimum needs. Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

Date