

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

CONTRACT NO:

CAPTION:

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: The Washington Hospitality Foundation

PROGRAM AGENCY: State Superintendent of Education

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED: Management of the Hospitality High School of Washington D.C. for the 2014-2015 academic year. The mission of the Hospitality High School is to ensure that students have access to an excellent educational program that is designed to promote success in college and in the hospitality industry.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE: Price for the academic year is \$3,458,926.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Washington Hospitality Foundation (the "Foundation"), a District of Columbia not for profit tax exempt organization, through a partnership with the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. (the "Association") and other hospitality industry groups, has managed the Hospitality High School of Washington, D.C. (the "Hospitality High School") since 1999. The mission of the Hospitality High School is to ensure that students have access to an excellent educational program that is designed to promote success in college and in the hospitality industry.

The Hospitality High School was granted a charter in 1999 to operate as a public charter school. When the fifteen-year term of the charter was due for renewal in 2014, the Hospitality High School elected to surrender its charter and to discontinue the Hospitality High School's function as a charter school.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor for Education, State Superintendent of Education, the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, the Association and other hospitality industry groups in the District believe it is essential to have a high school program in the District of Columbia focused on preparing students for careers in the hospitality industry. The District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS") advised the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Education that DCPS is not prepared to assume responsibility for the educational program of the Hospitality High School until the academic year commencing in 2015.

The Foundation has agreed to assume responsibility for management of the Hospitality High School's education programs for academic year 2014-2015 subject to receiving funding from the District of Columbia government. The Foundation is the only organization, public or private, with facilities, equipment, staff and support from the Association and other hospitality industry groups in the District of Columbia capable of undertaking management of the Hospitality High School and continuing its educational programs that must be provided for the 2014-2015 academic year. Hence, the Foundation is the only available source for management of the Hospitality High School and its educational programs for the 2014-2015 academic year.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

By: _____
Jesús Aguirre
State Superintendent of Education

Date _____

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] [the response received was rejected because _____]. I recommend that the State Superintendent of Education approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

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 solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices 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

Jesús Aguirre
State Superintendent of Education