

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
EXERCISE OF OPTION AND EXTENSION OF SOURCE CONTRACT**

**Agency:** Department on Disability Services  
**Contract No.:** DCJM-2013-C-0009/Mod M00002  
**Caption:** Continuation of DDA Health Care Initiative  
**Contractor:** The George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

27 DCMR Sections 1700, 1701 and 2008.3

**2. Minimum Need:**

The Department on Disability Services (DDS) has a need for the services of a contractor with local and national expertise in primary care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IADD), academic medicine and quality care, to continue to address the quality, availability, access to and consistent implementation of health care for individuals served by DDS. These services are required to assist the agency in implementing the Developmental Disabilities Administration Health Care Initiative effective May 12, 2008 and meet requirements of the 2010 Revision of the 2001 Plan for Compliance and Conclusion of Evans v. Gray during the next twelve months.

**3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:**

The firm-fixed price is \$248,140.00 payable in twelve motley installments of \$20,678.33 per month. The amount is considered fair and reasonable based upon prices for similar services negotiated with the Georgetown partnership and other professional services consultants.

**4. Facts that Justify Exercise of Option and Sole Source:**

- 1) The current term of Contract No. DCJM-2013-C-0009 expires June 30, 2014. The exercise of the option year is in accordance with the terms of the contract and will be the most advantageous method of fulfilling the District's need, when price and other factors are considered.
- 2) DDS coordinates services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an effort to maximize the quality of life for its consumers and allow them to thrive in the least restrictive environment. The Evans v. Gray et al case includes substantial requirements to ensure the health and welfare of all Evans class members. The District entered into a Health Care Agreement on May 12, 2008 with the U.S. Department of Justice to advance its efforts to comply with the 2010 Revision of the 2001 Plan for Compliance and Conclusion of the Evans case.

- 3) The George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, has established within its Office of Community-Based Partnerships, a DC Area Health Education Center that has offers local and national expertise in primary care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IADD), academic medicine and quality care.
- 4) The George Washington University is uniquely qualified to continue to assist DDS in implementing the Health Care Initiative because of its location in the community, its proximity to the providers and its ongoing association and collaboration with Georgetown University, as well as Howard University, and Catholic University of America, all located in the District of Columbia.
- 5) In order to enable DDS to meet the requirements of the 2010 Revision of the 2001 Plan for Compliance and Conclusion of Evans, and to increase the capacity and institutional sustainability for quality improvement, it serves the best interests of the District to continue the sole source procurement with the George Washington University for the services described herein.
- 6) A notice of intent to exercise the option year of a sole source contract to George Washington University, School of Medicine and Health Sciences was posted to the Office of Contracting and Procurement website in June of 2014 in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304. After posting for ten days and since that time, no other contractor has challenged the notice

## **5. Determination of Contractor Responsibility**

The George Washington University (GWU) has the necessary capabilities and continues to meet responsibility standards to provide the services under the contract based on the following:

- 1) GWU has the necessary financial resources to perform the required services according to the independent audit report by Priewater House Coopers dated September 18, 2013 and the D&B Business Information Report printed May 27, 2014.
- 2) GWU currently has ongoing contracts with Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and DDS. Therefore, GWU is expected to comply with the required performance schedule.
- 3) GWU has the ability to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration the past satisfactory performance evaluation by Laura L. Nuss, DDS Director.
- 4) Based upon the Provider's certification in the OCP Bidder/Offeror Certification Form, the Dun & Bradstreet report and Internet searches, there are no pending lawsuits, investigations, judgments, indictments, or convictions against the contractor or its proprietors, partners, directors, officers, or managers. In addition, the contractor is not debarred or suspended from Federal or District procurements, based on searches of OCP and SAM database conducted June 4, 2014 nor is it listed on entities excluded by the

Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.  
As a result, GWU has a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics.

- 5) GWU extension will not be over \$250,000. Therefore, the mandatory subcontracting requirement will not be apply.
- 6) GWU has been doing business with DDA for more than 10 years in which they have demonstrated the necessary organization, experience, accounting, operational controls and technical skills needed for this contract.
- 7) GWU has the ability to obtain necessary facilities because of its location in the community, its proximity to the providers and its ongoing association and collaboration with Georgetown University, as well as Howard University, and Catholic University of America, all located in the District of Columbia.
- 8) GWU has agreed to maintain their base year prices. Therefore, they have not exhibited a pattern of overcharging the District.
- 9) GWU has been certified in tax compliance by the Office of Tax and Revenue and certification and the Department of Employment Service.
- 10) GWU is otherwise qualified and is eligible to receive an award under applicable law and rules.

#### **6. Certification of Findings**

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

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Nicole Starwood  
Contract Specialist

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Date

#### **DETERMINATION**

Based on the findings above and in accordance with the terms of the option, 27 DCMR 2008 and 1700.2, 1701.1, 2008.3, 2008.4, I hereby determine that option under the contra with George Washington University should be exercised, that the use of a sole source procurement is justified and is in the best interest of the Government of the District of Columbia.

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Janice Parker Watson  
Chief Contracting Officer

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Date