

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

CONTRACT NO: RK123425

CAPTION: Early Childhood State Capacity

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Third Sector New England, Inc. (BUILD)

AGENCY: Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Early Learning (DEL) is seeking to continue the District’s partnership with the national BUILD Initiative, which supports a consortium of states to build capacity across states to create and share best practices to improve early childhood care and systems.

The BUILD Initiative helps the consortium of state leaders develop an early childhood system – programs, services and policies tailored to the needs of the state’s unique young child population. This works focuses on connecting programs and services that may have functioned in isolation, been redundant, lacked resources to meet critical needs and/or operated at cross-purposes. In order to further advance the establishment of high quality publicly funded early care and education system as required in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 OSSE will continue the partnership with a nationally recognized consortium of member states that focus on the implementation of high-quality early childhood education.

The period of performance will be twelve (12) months from the date of award.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price is \$249,500.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- A. The BUILD initiative is a program of Third Sector New England (TSNE) Mission Works, a non-profit organization and the sole owner, developer, and holder of all BUILD Initiative assets including proprietary materials subject to copyright protection.
- B. DEL needs to continue engaging in the membership consortium with other states (Georgie, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Washington) that are working to enhance its early childhood systems to improve outcomes for children and families. The access to national and state level experts will yield invaluable results to internal performance.

- C. BUILD’s program connects the District with programs and services that may have functioned in isolation, been redundant, or lacked resources to meet critical needs. To further advance the establishment of high quality publicly funded early care and education system as required in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014, it is critical for the District to continue participation in the BUILD program to support high quality early childhood education.
- D. In 2018, market research was performed and five vendors were contacted in commodity code 924-40-00. The vendors did not meet the requirements and could not provide the services. The District is continuing the work from the original contract CW48393 which was awarded on January 23, 2017.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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

Date

Hanseul Kang
State Superintendent, OSSE

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. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approves the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Daniel Manning
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

George A. Schutter
Chief Procurement Officer