Solicitation (Two Step Bid) No. GAGA-2014-I-0058
Caption: Literacy Tutoring Services (40/40 Initiative)

ATTACHMENT J.8

Bidder/Offeror Certifications

(6/24/13 REV.)

BIDDER/OFFEROR CERTIFICATION FORM

COMPLETION

The person(s) completing this form must be knowledgeable about the bidder's/offeror's business and operations.

RESPONSES

Every question must be answered. Each response must provide all relevant information that can be obtained within the limits of the law. Individuals and sole proprietors may use a Social Security number but are encouraged to obtain and use a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). Provide any explanation at the end of the section or attach additional sheets with numbered responses. Include the bidder's/offeror's name at the top of each attached page.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This form contains four (4) sections. Section I concerns the bidder's/offeror's responsibility; Section II includes additional required certifications; Section III relates to the Buy American Act (if applicable); and Section IV requires the bidder's/offeror's signature.

SECTION I. BIDDER/OFFEROR RESPONSIBILITY CERTIFICATION

Instructions for Section I: Section I contains eight (8) parts. Part 1 requests information concerning the bidder's/offeror's business entity. Part 2 inquires about current or former owners, partners, directors, officers or principals. Part 3 relates to the responsibility of the bidder's/offeror's business. Part 4 concerns the bidder's/offeror's business certificates and licenses. Part 5 inquires about legal proceedings. Part 6 relates to the bidder's/offeror's financial and organizational status. Part 7 requires the bidder/offeror to agree to update the information provided. Part 8 relates to disclosures under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

PART 1: BIDDER/OFFEROR INFORMATION

Legal Business Entity Name:	Solicitation #:	
Address of the Principal Place of Business (street, city, state, zip code)	Telephone # and ext.:	Fax #:
Email Address:	Website:	

Additional Legal Business Entity Identities: If applicable, list any other DBA, Trade Name, Former Name, Other Identity and EIN used in the last five (5) years and the status (active or inactive).

Type:	Name:	EIN:	Status:

1.1 Business Type (Please check the appropriate box and provide additional information if necessary.):

☐ Corporation (including PC)	Date of Incorporation:
☐ Joint Venture	Date of Organization:
☐ Limited Liability Company (LLC or PLLC)	Date of Organization:
☐ Nonprofit Organization	Date of Organization:
☐ Partnership (including LLP, LP or General)	Date of Registration or Establishment:
☐ Sole Proprietor	How many years in business?:
☐ Other	Date established?:

If "Other," please explain:

1.2 Was the bidder's/offeror's business formed or incorporated in the District of Columbia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No" to Subpart 1.2, provide the jurisdiction where the bidder's/offeror's business was formed or incorporated. Attach a Certificate or Letter of Good Standing from the applicable jurisdiction and a certified Application for Authority from the District, or provide an explanation if the documents are not available.

State _____ Country _____

1.3 Please provide a copy of each District of Columbia license, registration or certification that the bidder/offeror is required by law to obtain (other than those provided in Subpart 1.2). If the bidder/offeror is not providing a copy of its license, registration or certification to transact business in the District of Columbia, it shall either:

(a) Certify its intent to obtain the necessary license, registration or certification prior to contract award; or

(b) Explain its exemption from the requirement.

PART 2: INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Additional Instructions for Section I, Parts 2 through 8: Provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).

Within the past five (5) years, has any current or former owner, partner, director, officer, principal or any person in a position involved in the administration of funds, or currently or formerly having the authority to sign, execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation on behalf of the bidder/offeror with any government entity:

2.1 Been sanctioned or proposed for sanction relative to any business or professional permit or license?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.2 Been under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or determined ineligible under any federal, District or state statutes?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.3 Been proposed for suspension or debarment?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.4 Been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation for any business-related conduct?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.5 Been charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime, or subject to a judgment or a plea bargain for: (a) Any business-related activity; or (b) Any crime the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.6 Been suspended, cancelled, terminated or found non-responsible on any government contract, or had a surety called upon to complete an awarded contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Please provide an explanation for each "Yes" in Part 2.	

PART 3: BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY

Within the past five (5) years, has the bidder/offeror:

3.1 Been under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion or determined ineligible under any federal, District or state statutes?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.2 Been proposed for suspension or debarment?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.3 Been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any government entity for a civil or criminal violation for any business-related conduct?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.4 Been charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime, or subject to a judgment or plea bargain for: (a) Any business-related activity; or (b) Any crime the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.5 Been disqualified or proposed for disqualification on any government permit or license?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.6 Been denied a contract award or had a bid or proposal rejected based upon a non-responsibility finding by a government entity?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.7 Had a low bid or proposal rejected on a government contract for failing to make good faith efforts on any Certified Business Enterprise goal or statutory affirmative action requirements on a previously held contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3.8 Been suspended, cancelled, terminated or found non-responsible on any government contract, or had a surety called upon to complete an awarded contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Please provide an explanation for each "Yes" in Part 3.	

PART 4: CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

Within the past five (5) years, has the bidder/offeror:

4.1 Had a denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of District of Columbia certification of any Certified Business Enterprise or federal certification of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status for other than a change of ownership?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Please provide an explanation for "Yes" in Subpart 4.1.	
4.2 Please provide a copy of the bidder's/offeror's District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue Tax Certification Affidavit.	

PART 5: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Within the past five (5) years, has the bidder/offeror:

5.1 Had any liens or judgments (not including UCC filings) over $25,000 filed against it which remain undischarged?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 5.1, provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the Lien Holder or Claimant's name, the amount of the lien(s) and the current status of the issue(s).	
5.2 Had a government entity find a willful violation of District of Columbia compensation or prevailing wage laws, the Service Contract Act or the Davis-Bacon Act?	☐ Yes ☐ No

5.3 Received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as serious or willful?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Please provide an explanation for each "Yes" in Part 5.	

PART 6: FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the bidder/offeror received any formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s) from any government entity on any contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.1, provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	
6.2 Within the past five (5) years, has the bidder/offeror had any liquidated damages assessed by a government entity over $25,000?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.2, provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s).	
6.3 Within the last seven (7) years, has the bidder/offeror initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.3, provide the bankruptcy chapter number, the court name and the docket number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as "initiated," "pending" or "closed".	
6.4 During the past three (3) years, has the bidder/offeror failed to file a tax return or pay taxes required by federal, state, District of Columbia or local laws?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.4, provide the taxing jurisdiction, the type of tax, the liability year(s), the tax liability amount the bidder/offeror failed to file/pay and the current status of the tax liability.	
6.5 During the past three (3) years, has the bidder/offeror failed to file a District of Columbia unemployment insurance return or failed to pay District of Columbia unemployment insurance?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.5, provide the years the bidder/offeror failed to file the return or pay the insurance, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	
6.6 During the past three (3) years, has the bidder/offeror failed to comply with any payment agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue and the Department of Employment Services?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.6, provide the years the bidder/offeror failed to comply with the payment agreement, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	
6.7 Indicate whether the bidder/offeror owes any outstanding debt to any state, federal or District of Columbia government.	☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes" to Subpart 6.7, provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	
6.8 During the past three (3) years, has the bidder/offeror been audited by any government entity?	☐ Yes ☐ No
(a) If "Yes" to Subpart 6.8, did any audit of the bidder/offeror identify any significant deficiencies in internal controls, fraud or illegal acts; significant violations of provisions of contract or grant agreements; significant abuse; or any material disallowance?	☐ Yes ☐ No
(b) If "Yes" to Subpart 6.8(a), provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).	

PART 7: RESPONSE UPDATE REQUIREMENT

7.1 In accordance with the requirement of Section 302(c) of the Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Official Code § 2-353.02), the bidder/offeror shall update any response provided in Section I of this form during the term of this contract:

(a) Within sixty (60) days of a material change to a response; and

(b) Prior to the exercise of an option year contract.

PART 8: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

8.1 Indicate whether the bidder/offeror asserts that any information provided in response to a question in Section I is exempt from disclosure under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), effective March 25, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code §§ 2-531, et seq.). Include the question number(s) and explain the basis for the claim. (The District will determine whether such information is, in fact, exempt from FOIA at the time of request for disclosure under FOIA.)	☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION II. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED BIDDER/OFFEROR CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions for Section II: Section II contains four (4) parts. Part 1 requests information concerning District of Columbia employees. Part 2 applies to the bidder/offeror's pricing. Part 3 relates to equal employment opportunity requirements. Part 4 relates to First Source requirements.

PART 1. DISTRICT EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT

The bidder/offeror certifies that:

1.2 No person listed in clause 13 of the Standard Contract Provisions, "District Employees Not To Benefit", will benefit from this contract.

1.3 The following person(s) listed in clause 13 of the Standard Contract Provisions may benefit from this contract. (For each person listed, attach the affidavit required by clause 13.)

(a) _____

(b) _____

PART 2. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The bidder/offeror certifies that:

2.1 The signature of the bidder/offeror is considered to be a certification by the signatory that:

(a) The contract prices have been arrived at independently without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication or agreement with any bidder/offeror or competitor related to:

(i) Those prices;

(ii) The intention to submit a bid/proposal; or

(iii) The methods or factors used to calculate the prices in the contract.

(b) The prices in this contract have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the bidder/offeror, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder/offeror or competitor before bid/proposal opening unless otherwise required by law; and

(c) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder/offeror to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a contract for the purpose of restricting competition.

2.2 The signature on the bid/proposal is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory:

(a) Is the person in the bidder's/offeror's organization responsible for determining the prices being offered in this contract, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs 2.1(a)(i) through (a)(iii) above; or

(b) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as an agent for the following principal in certifying that the principal has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs 2.1(a)(i) through (a)(iii) above:

_____

[Insert full name of person(s) in the organization responsible for determining the prices offered in this contract and the title of his or her position in the bidder's/offeror's organization]

(i) As an authorized agent, certifies that the principals named in subparagraph 2.2(b) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs 2.1(a)(i) through (a)(iii) above; and

(ii) As an agent, has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs 2.1(a)(i) through (a)(iii) above.

2.3 If the bidder/offeror deletes or modifies subparagraph 2.1(b) above, the bidder/offeror must furnish with its bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

PART 3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OBLIGATIONS

3.1 I hereby certify that I am fully aware of the contents of Mayor's Order 85-85 and the Office of Human Rights' regulations in Chapter 11 of the DCMR, and agree to comply with them while performing this contract.

PART 4. FIRST SOURCE OBLIGATIONS

4.1 I hereby certify that I am fully aware of the requirements of the Workforce Intermediary Establishment and Reform of the First Source Amendment Act of 2011 (D.C. Law 19-84), and agree to enter into a First Source Employment Agreement with the Department of Employment Services if awarded any contract valued at $300,000 or more which receives funds or resources from the District, or funds or resources which, in accordance with a federal grant or otherwise, is administered by the District government.

4.2 I certify that the Initial Employment Plan submitted with my bid or proposal is true and accurate.

SECTION III. BUY AMERICAN ACT CERTIFICATION

Instructions for Section III: Section III contains one (1) part which should only be completed if goods are being provided that are subject to the requirements of the Buy American Act.

PART 1. BUY AMERICAN ACT COMPLIANCE

1.1 The bidder/offeror certifies that each end product, except the end products listed below, is a domestic end product (as defined in Paragraph 23 of the Standard Contract Provisions, "Buy American Act"), and that components of unknown origin are considered to have been mined, produced or manufactured outside the United States.

_____ EXCLUDED END PRODUCTS _____ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	
SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION	
Instruction for Section IV: This section must be completed by all bidder/offerors.	
I, [ ], as the person authorized to sign these certifications, hereby certify that the information provided in this form is true and accurate.	
Name [Print and sign]:	Telephone #: / Fax #:
Title:	Email Address:
Date:	
The District of Columbia government is hereby authorized to verify the above information with appropriate government authorities. Penalty for making false statements is a fine of not more than $1,000.00, imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, as prescribed in D.C. Official Code § 22-2514. Penalty for false swearing is a fine of not more than $2,500.00, imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both, as prescribed in D.C. Official Code § 22-2513.	