

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

**AGENCY:** District of Columbia Public Schools  
Office of the Chief of Schools, School Turnaround & Performance

**CAPTION:** Whole School Whole Child (WSWC) Program

**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** City Year, Inc.

**CONTRACT NO.:** GAGA-2013-C-0036

**FINDINGS**

**1. AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Code 2-354.04.5 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1702.

**2. MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of the Chief of Schools, has an immediate need to procure the services of City Year to continue the Whole School Whole Child (WSWC) program in fourteen (14) elementary, middle and high schools for SY16-17.

**3. ESTIMATED COST:**

The estimated cost is \$1,349,000 for the proposed option year three from October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017.

**3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), School Turnaround & Performance (OSTP) within the Office of the Chief of Schools recommends partnering with City Year to continue the Whole School Whole Child (WSWC) Program in fourteen (14) schools: Amidon-Bowen ES, Anacostia HS, Ballou HS, Cardozo EC, Garfield ES, Hart MS, Kelly Miller MS, Ketcham ES, Kimball ES, Martin Luther King ES, Leckie ES, Plummer ES, Savoy ES, and Turner ES. City Year shall provide teams of 8-12 AmeriCorps members in schools to focus predominantly on the dropout prevention challenge which includes services in areas of individual tutoring, whole group instruction support, behavior intervention support, small group strategic intervention, community outreach and positive behavior, lunch enrichment programming from 7AM-6PM as a day and afterschool intervention.

**Background and History of this Vendor with DCPS:**

The City Year Whole School Whole Child Program Model was originally implemented via a Memorandum of Agreement between DCPS and City Year in 2008. Since the commencement of the services, City Year has provided matching funds through private investments to facilitate the implementation of services. The total annual cost for the

services over the years ranged from \$4-8 million dollars, however, private investment and AmeriCorps matching funds ranged from \$1.2-\$4.2 million and DCPS contributions range from \$1.0-\$1.27 million dollars. Specifically the annual total cost for the services during SY2015-2016 was \$1.27 million which DCPS funded to facilitate the implementation of the services utilizing the AmeriCorps training, staffing, and tutors for implementing the program with fidelity.

During the SY15-16, more than 90% of teachers agreed that corps members improved in actively being engaged in learning due to one-on-one small group tutoring and afterschool assistance around DIBELS benchmarks by 20% increase in performance on average. In addition, City Year was awarded the School Turnaround AmeriCorps in Spring 2013 to continue to increase AmeriCorps support at our lowest-performing schools in Washington, D.C. AmeriCorps members will help keep students on track to graduate by working to increase student academic achievement, attendance, and high school graduation rates; improve college and career readiness; and provide college enrollment assistance and advice.

**Whole School Whole Child Program:**

The in-school program include AmeriCorps Members' assisting in the classroom, collaborating with teachers during planning time, assisting teachers with data analysis, and providing help to students scoring below basic and basic in the classroom through differentiated learning practices. AmeriCorps members shall provide lunch and recess enrichment activities and also support afterschool programs and extended day programs run at the school through academic and enrichment activities.

**The Proposed Vendor's Unique Qualifications:**

A major distinction between City Year and alternative contractors is that City Year has a well-known, nationally-supported best-practices as made evident in their partnership with Johns Hopkins through the Early Warning Indicator model; a leading dropout prevention model intended to eliminate poor attendance, poor behavior or course failure in English or math. The combination of City Year's in-school classroom support and their afterschool programming made their Whole School Whole Child program unique and the best fit for DCPS. Since 1988, City Year has recruited volunteers to serve in a variety of ways, and in Washington DC, City Year has led 9,485 volunteers in service, affecting the lives of more than 53,000 children. This history of service and national recognition helped DCPS decide that the City Year Whole School Whole Child program was the best option for DCPS students and schools.

**CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPS PROGRAM DIRECTOR:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and the anticipated cost to DCPS is fair and reasonable.

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Date

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Director, School Turnaround & Performance

**CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION**

Based on the above certified findings in accordance cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; DC Code 2-354 and 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702.

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Date

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Chief Procurement Officer