

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING
FOR A SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

AGENCY, OFFICE: District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Operations, Food and Nutrition Services

CAPTION: Food Services Management Company (FSMC)

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: DC Central Kitchen (DCK)

CONTRACT NO. GAGA-2026-T-0064B

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Code 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1700.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day, outside of scheduled mealtimes. It is an effective and creative way of introducing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy tasting options. In this program, students are served a sampling of fresh fruits and vegetables by the FSMC, and costs for purchasing, labor, and packaging are reimbursed up to the ceiling established by the Office of the State Superintendent of Schools (OSSE) independently of any school meals in Contract number GAGA-2022-C-0385B.

3. ESTIMATED COST:

The estimated cost is \$208,570.00.

4. FACTS THAT JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- a. DCK has extensive experience, having provided these specialized services for over fifteen (15) years, and equips the organization with deep insights into the operational requirements of the FFVP program. This experience enables DCK to effectively understand and anticipate the unique challenges faced by both the program and its participants. As a result, DCK is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of the FFVP. In addition, Sodexo plays a pivotal role in meeting the FFVP's overall goal of providing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy food options.
- b. DCK is an active DCPS Food & Nutrition Services Food Service Management Company (FSMC) awarded under contract number GAGA-2022-C-0385B.
- c. DCK has fully trained staff at every school site awarded under contract number GAGA-2022-C-0385B who have been cleared by DCPS security background check processes and are actively serving the DCPS nutrition program.

As a result of our market survey, DCPS determined that the contractors within the FSMC are the only vendors that can provide the FFVP services and ensure that menus are accurately developed to comply with all USDA and DC Healthy Schools Act requirements.

5. **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides all children in participating schools with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetable samples throughout the school day at no charge, and outside of scheduled mealtimes. This program is intended to introduce elementary school children to raw and unique fruits and vegetables that they may not typically see in their homes. The FFVP is an effective and creative way of introducing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy tasting options. DCPS has been a proud sponsor of the FFVP since approximately 2010.

6. **CERTIFICATION BY PROGRAM DIRECTOR:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and the anticipated prices to DCPS are fair and reasonable.

Date

Program Director, OOO-FNS

7. **CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and the anticipated prices to DCPS are fair and reasonable.

Date

Contract Specialist

8. **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 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702.

Date

Contracting Officer