

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION**

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office Operations
SOLICITATION NO: GAGA-2026-I-0030
CAPTION: DCPS Security Services

1. AUTHORIZATION:

27 DCMR § 1518

2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) educates approximately 50,204 students in 117 schools and educational centers. DCPS employs about 4,591 teachers, principals, classroom aides, social workers, counselors, custodians, and other support staff who work to carry out the public education mission in DC. DCPS also counts amongst its facilities another four (4) administrative locations and mission-oriented offices, such as the Central office location and support sites, warehouse, and logistics facilities.

3. BACKGROUND:

- A. On April 09, 2026, DCPS issued a Prequalification Solicitation requesting information related to qualifications, experience, technical capability, and responsibility.
- B. Four (4) proposals were received, and two (2) vendors were selected to advance to the second step: the Invitation for Bids (IFB).
- C. DCPS issued IFB No. GAGA-2026-I-0030 on May 6, 2026, as the second step of a two-step procurement process to support DCPS program requirements. Bids were due on May 11, 2026.
- D. DCPS received two (2) timely bids; however, the bids had not yet been opened when the Contracting Officer was notified of a protest.

4. FINDING:

The Contracting Officer makes the following findings in support of cancelling the solicitation:

a. Protest Filed

On May 11, 2026, a protest was filed in connection with this procurement. The protest raised concerns regarding the solicitation and/or procurement process.

b. Impact on Procurement Integrity

The existence of an active protest and the potential need for corrective action create uncertainty regarding the fairness and integrity of the procurement process. Proceeding with the current IFB may:

- Compromise the competitive procurement process
- Result in additional disputes or delays
- Expose the District to legal and administrative risk.

c. Future Action

DCPS will take appropriate corrective action in accordance with guidance from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The IFB may be revised and reissued at a later date once the protest has been resolved

d. Best Interest of the District

Cancellation of the IFB is necessary to:

- Preserve the integrity of the procurement process
- Ensure full compliance with District procurement regulations
- Allow DCPS to address issues raised in the protest
- Provide an opportunity to re-solicit, if appropriate, under revised and clarified term

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

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

5/22/2026 Yanovi Klouvi

Date Contract Specialist

6. DETERMINATION

Pursuant to applicable District of Columbia procurement regulations, I hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) to cancel Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. GAGA-2026-I-0030.

May 22, 2026 Tabitha Woods Jackson
Date Contracting Officer