## DETERMINATION AND FINDING FOR A SOURCE PROCUREMENT

AGENCY, OFFICE:

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: CONTRACT NO. District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development Life Success Center for Children, Youth, and Families RK244277

#### **FINDINGS**

# 1. <u>MINIMUM NEED:</u>

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA) on behalf of Office of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development is seeking a vendor to provide science, technology, engineering, arts, and math robotics afternoon enrichment programming during the Elementary Summer Acceleration Academy program for 2023.

In FY23, services are to be provided from July 3, 2023 through August 4, 2023.

# 3. ESTIMATED COST:

DCPS' estimated cost for the proposed services beginning July 3, 2023 – August 4, 2023, is \$**72,000** for S.T.E.A.M. Robotics summer program.

# 4. **FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

Every summer, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) provides summer learning opportunities for elementary students. Students who participate in summer programming have opportunities to form new friendships, strengthen academic skills, and prepare for the year ahead. This fiveweek, full-day program is a unique opportunity for elementary students to engage in hands-on, enriching academic instruction each morning and engaging summer activities each afternoon. Students who participated in Summer Acceleration last year formed new friendships, strengthened their literacy and math skills, and had fun learning and growing with their peers. A few select vendors from last summer showed engaging enrichment activities for students, including Life Success.

Vendor Requirements

- The vendor shall provide DCPS with specialized educational STEAM robotics instruction.
- The vendor shall provide hands-on experiments and instruction.
- The vendor shall provide materials and supplies to supplement robotics programming including robotics kits, laptops, games, literature/books related to robotics, STEM/STEAM experiments.
- The vendor shall hire staff and instructors to lead programming for k-5 elementary school students.
- The vendor shall conduct an in-house robotics competition for program participants.
- The vendor has experience working with students from low-income and at-risk backgrounds.

#### 5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPS PROGRAM

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

5/8/23

Date

Jennifer Rosenbaum Deputy Chief, Acceleration

# 6. **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**