

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING
FOR A SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools
Office of Elementary Schools

CAPTION: *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Program (WSCC)*

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: City Year

CONTRACT NO. GAGA-2018-C-0063

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

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

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Contracts and Acquisitions (OCA) on behalf of the Office of Elementary Schools (OES) is seeking to engage and improve the quality in-school support, expand student achievement, and prevent dropouts in 18 schools by implementing the *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Program* principles by utilizing the services of the vendor City Year for SY18-19. The fully support services of City Year would assist school personnel on site with students to prevent and engaged students to reduce school dropouts.

3. ESTIMATED COST:

The estimated cost is \$1,645,000.00 for the proposed base year of the contract through 9/30/18.

School Name	Cost
Ketcham	\$100,000
Kimball	\$100,000
Leckie	\$80,000
Turner	\$100,000
Kelly Miller	\$100,000
Garfield	\$80,000
Cardozo	\$100,000
Hart	\$65,000
Johnson	\$40,000
Hendley	\$100,000
Powell	\$90,000
Moten	\$105,000
Kramer	\$105,000
Walker Jones	\$105,000
Bancroft	\$105,000
Stuart Hobson	\$90,000
Savoy	\$100,000
ML King	\$80,000
Total	\$1,645,000

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Elementary Schools recommends partnering with City Year to fully implement their *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Program* in DCPS beginning in 2018. This has been a continuous effort which DCPS has invested in 5 years prior to this proposed contract under GAGA-2013-C-0036 (*which will expire on 9/30/18*). City Year will focus predominately on the dropout prevention services which are in the following areas:

- Individual tutoring
- Whole group instruction support
- Behavioral intervention support
- Small group strategic intervention
- Community outreach and positive cultural behavior
- Lunch enrichment programming
- Afterschool intervention services

The WSCC Program modelled principals assist with providing integrated health practices. The model focuses on a school-wide approach to supporting the whole child, through a collaborative

approach to learning to improve cognitive, physical, and social emotional development to maximize student success. Implementation is through a group of carefully selected, highly trained corps members who provide individualized support to at-risk students, while establishing an overall positive learning environment throughout the schools they service. City Year supports students with reaching their full potential to have a positive effect on the whole school and community, by way of the dedication and hard work of their Americorp volunteer members. The additional focus areas for City Year are to provide additional support for attendance, behavior, and academics to every school site. The following schools which are included in the base year of this contract for receipt of City Year support services are as follows:

Kethcham, Kimball, Leckie, Turner, Kelly Miller, Garfield, Cardozo, Hart, Johnson, Hendley, Powell, Moten, Kramer, Walker-Jones, Bancroft, Stuart Hobson, Savoy, ML King

5. **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:**

Since the first contracted year of 2008, City Year's overall purpose for working previously in fifteen DCPS schools has been to provide a continuum of care, and establish feeder patterns so students who need help receive multiple, consecutive years of intervention and support. These services implemented focus predominantly on the dropout prevention challenge; which include 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. City Year was originally awarded a Sole Source contract because the intervention program provides full-time services to help improve student attendance, behavior, and course work in grades K-8 in addition providing full-time, peer-aged (e.g., ranging from recent high school graduates to college graduates) City Year Corp members or mentors through the nationally accredited AmeriCorp national service network. In addition to receiving recruited peer-aged volunteer Corp members through the AmeriCorp sector of the Corporation for National and Community Service, City Year partners with 10 four-year accredited universities and colleges across the Washington DC Metropolitan Area and over 60 physical service partners to increase the quality, scope, and impact of service provided to DCPS students both in academic and healthy lifestyle development. Lastly, in addition to providing on average 40 hours per week of full-service intervention, City Year dedicates 2-3 weekends of community service hours towards school clean ups to facilitating tutorials during Saturday school programming.

City year shall provide services in its entirety for the *Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC)* Program to the 18 schools referenced above and additional schools which are not funded via DCPS funding but privately funded.

This proposed contract requires City Year to provide educational support services and to improve quality of afterschool programming in DCPS. City Year will provide these services through the federal Serve DC Americorps State Grant Agreement, which requires members of Americorps to perform services for DCPS. Per a letter from the Finance Director of Government Grants for City Year, having non-Americorps members perform these duties would result in non-compliance with the federal grants guidelines. This would violate terms of the grant and Americorp members would be unable to fully satisfy the Americorp member Services Agreement to provide volunteers to DCPS.

In light of the above findings a sole source award is in the best interest of DCPS and would be the most efficient cost effective procurement method for these required services.

CERTIFICATION by the Office Of Elementary Schools (OES):

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

Date

Angela Chapman
Chief, Office of Elementary Schools

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

Candace Butler
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer