

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING
FOR A SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools
Office of Teaching and Learning
CAPTION: Florida Virtual Schools Global School Program
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Florida Virtual Schools
CONTRACT NO.

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 Teaching and Learning has a need to offer online AP courses, using Florida Virtual School's Global School Program, so students have an equal opportunity to access AP courses throughout the district.

3. ESTIMATED COST:

The estimated cost for 2 semesters of a Florida Virtual School online AP course is \$13,600 (\$00 per semester per student) for 17 students during SY 15-16.

3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Background and History

The District of Columbia Public Schools, Office of Teaching and Learning, will expand the minimum number of AP courses at each high school for SY 15-16 to support the Chancellor's High School Improvement Initiative, which includes the expansion of AP course offerings. In order to support the expansion of AP courses across the district, the Office of Teaching and Learning determined that an accredited, online AP course provider, with a wide availability of AP courses, high success rate, flexible scheduling, and strong virtual teachers would be desired. The office underwent an extensive research and evaluation process of several programs, including a detailed assessments and vendor presentations. Ultimately, it was determined that Florida Virtual Schools was the sole source to provide the services the Office of Teaching and Learning desires.

The Proposed Vendor's Unique Qualifications:

Florida Virtual Schools is the only accredited online AP course provider that offers the widest range of AP courses. Florida Virtual Schools offers over 20 AP courses, maintains the highest course completion rate, and has one of the highest pass rates for AP exams. As a result, students will be able to participate in rigorous AP courses that may not be offered in their respective school.

Furthermore, Florida Virtual Schools is also the only online course provider that offers the most flexibility with implementing online AP courses. Florida Virtual Schools provides several different packages that accommodate district, school, and student needs. Florida Virtual Schools provides districts the option of providing their own teachers or using Florida Virtual School teachers. Schools have the flexibility to choose when online AP courses are offered, based on their respective method of scheduling. Students are provided with multiple ways and opportunities to communicate and receive support from their virtual teachers.

It is in the best interest of DCPS to procure the services from Florida Virtual Schools, which is the single available source which can assist with expanding AP courses using online AP courses throughout the district. In addition, based on the aforementioned information, moving forward with Florida Virtual Schools will be the most efficient and cost-effective procurement method.

CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPS PROGRAM OFFICE:

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

Date

Traun Brodhead, Manager
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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).

Date

Deputy Chief Procurement Officer