

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR SOLE SOURCE

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools
Office of Academic Services
CAPTION: Bee-Bot Blue Bot Class Bundle
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Terrapin
CONTRACT NO. N/A

FINDINGS

1. **Authorization:**

Section 305 (a), DC Code§ 2-303.05, and 27 DCMR §§ 1206.6, 1705.1 and 1705.2

2. **Minimum Need:**

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Office of Academic Services, has an immediate need for to procure the Bee-Bot Blue-Bot class bundle from Terrapin, the sole source for the full line of Bee-bots, Blue-Bots, Pro-Bots and accessories in North America and represents the manufacturer in that territory.

3. **Estimated Fair and Reasonable Cost:**

The estimated cost is \$12,035.00

4. **Facts That Justify a Sole Source Requirement:**

i. **Background and history of the requirement:**

Early experiences in computational thinking are integral to the life-long success of students. As such, the Office of Teaching and Learning, STEM is developing integrated curriculum resources and providing professional development on computer science and computational thinking across subject areas. As a foundation of computer science and computational thinking, students need to be engaged on hand-on coding experiences that support and enhance learning in all subject areas. Blue Bots meet basic needs of young learners (K-2) by providing hands-on experiences in coding and computer science. Blue Bots are unique in that they are simple enough to for young learners with diverse abilities but have the capability of supporting more in-depth experiences as students' ability progresses. Teachers will be provided with professional development on how to utilize the Blue-Bots in all subject, receive Blue Bots and resources to implement in their classroom, and receive on-going support. The Blue Bots are an integral part of the computational thinking and computer science curriculum.

ii. **The Proposed Vendor's Unique Qualifications:**

Terrapin Software is the sole source for the full line of Bee-bots, Blue-bots, Pro-bots and accessories in North America and represents the manufacturer in that territory.

Several components of the Class bundle (card Mats, Command Cards) are proprietary products that Terrapin manufactures which is not available for re-sale.

5. **Certification by DCPS Program:**

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

Office of Academic Services

Date

DETERMINATION

I hereby determine based on the certified findings, that it is the best interest of the District to procure the services from the proposed contractor as a sole source in accordance with Section 305 9a), DC Code § 2-303.05, and 27 DCMR §§ 1206.6, 1705.1 and 1705.2.

Contracting Officer

Date