

**DETERMINATION AND FINDING  
FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**AGENCY:** District of Columbia Public Schools  
Office of the Chief Operating Officer Sustainability Team  
**CAPTION:** Sustainability Curriculum  
**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Ecorise Youth Innovations  
**REQUISITION NOS.** RQ983728

**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) Sustainability Team has an immediate need for continuity of the partnership and services with Ecorise Youth Innovations, to provide sustainability curriculum for participating schools through September 30, 2018.

**3. ESTIMATED COST:**

The estimated cost is \$48,800.00 for the proposed services through 9/30/2018 for three tasks:

- o Sustainable Intelligence curriculum
- o Customized Green Building Education Program
- o Green Building Teacher Guide

**3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

The District of Columbia Public Schools Sustainability Team believes it is critical to maintain the continuity of the partnership of DCPS and Ecorise to utilize its services in order to continue to accomplish the following goals:

- (a) On-line curriculum development resources, in person teacher training, and customized green building guides for DCPS modernization projects.
- (b) Sustainable Intelligence Program: Sustainability and Design Curriculum, training and support, student mini-grants, showcase opportunity, and business connections.
- (c) Customized Green Building Education Program: Customized one-pager on green building features for each LEED certified school building, with links to existing lessons, two in-person educator workshops.
- (d) Green Building Teacher Guide: Annotated teacher guide to contextualize lessons for the local environment; available as part of customized Canvas course.

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

- (a) EcoRise partners with several DCPS schools through ongoing campus engagement, either funded directly with schools and as a grant administrator for OSSE's Environmental Literacy Cadre.

- (b) EcoRise’s curriculum patented materials offer desirable project-based learning opportunities for teachers and students; and aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards requirements to which DCPS curriculum must also align.
- (c) EcoRise continues to award micro-grants for student-led projects via its partnership with DCPS. It is worth noting that DCPS teachers and students have been recipients of several thousand dollars for past projects.
- (d) It is essential to maintain the partnership with Ecorise Youth Innovations as it plans to promote the DCPS’ efforts at the upcoming “Student Showcase”, that would recognize and acknowledge DCPS teachers and students; and connecting students to District leaders.

In light of the above findings a sole source award is in the best interest of DCPS and would be the most efficient and cost-effective procurement method to fulfill these DCPS requirements. Therefore, to remain with the continuity of services that has been provided in the past by EcoRise, it is recommended that purchase orders be awarded to the vendor on a sole source basis.

**CERTIFICATION BY THE DCPS PROGRAM:**

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

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Date

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Office of the Chief Operating Officer

**CERTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION**

Based on the above certified findings in accordance with the 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.

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Date

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Chief Procurement Officer