

DETERMINATION AND FINDING FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools
CAPTION: Certification Vouchers for students
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: NCS PEARSON

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Code 2-354 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1702

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Office of College and Career is seeking the purchase of CompTIA A+ and Security+ Certifications for Phelps and McKinley High Schools for students. The only authorized global testing partner by CompTIA is Pearson VUE who does business as NCS Pearson.

3. ESTIMATED COST:

The estimated reasonable price is \$27,501.00 from date of award to September 30, 2016

3. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The District of Columbia Public Schools recommends Pearson VUE, who does business as NCS Pearson.

Background and history of this vendor with DCPS

NCS Pearson is uniquely qualified to since they have been selected as the global testing partner authorized to provide testing materials, provide/administer tests, Based upon the CompTIA website, <https://certification.comptia.org/testing/test-locations>. DCPS has used NCS Pearson to procure CompTIA certifications since 2012.

The Proposed Vendor’s Unique Qualifications:

NCS Pearson is uniquely qualified to since they have been selected as the global testing partner authorized to supply DCPS with testing materials and administer tests.

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

CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACT SPECIALIST:

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

Date

Contract Specialist

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

Chief Procurement Officer