

**Sole Source
Determination & Findings
(School Based) – Over\$10K**

Point of Contact for this Procurement

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Authority: D.C. Code 2 - 354.04.5 and 27 DCMR, Section 1304 and 1702.

Estimated Cost: \$20,000.00

Procurement Description

The SpoQUEEN program will:

- Develop a KMS centered curriculum using needs assessment developed by KMS School Counselor
- Facilitate and develop trainings for KMS Self Promise Staff Members (School Counselor, School Psychologist SS Teacher) to use for Empower Her Hour (lunch Time Sessions)
- Develop and provide materials for after school workshops
- Obtain, build and maintain relationships with professional and successful woman of color
- Facilitate and plan after school workshops
- Plan and excite field trips, speakers, showcases and opportunities for participants
- Provide materials for workshops, showcases and parent events
- Build and Monitor program

What category best describes the goods or services to be procured?

Educational or Instructional Supplies
Professional Development/Training
Online Subscription
Temporary of Labor Services
Printing or Promotional Items

Curriculum/Textbooks or Library Books
IT Hardware or Software
Travel (includes field trips)
Professional Services
Other Goods or Services (circle one)

Why is this procurement necessary/why are the goods or services required?

The services are necessary because the program is dedicated to inspiring, empowering, exposing, and educating young ladies. The program will expose girls to build character, confidence while exposing girls to successful women of color. Spoken Word will also be taught, as a tool to express self and improve the art of public speaking. With their multifaceted approach, they will seek to empower and instill educational, personal, and career growth in our participants so that they can become lifelong learners in and out of the classroom.

Sole Source Justification

Requested Vendor Name: SPOQUEEN

Why is the vendor above the sole source for these goods or services? Why are alternatives unacceptable (including other brands or products/services)? Be specific about specifications, compatibility, distribution, etc.

The curriculum provided can only be purchased from this vendor and was developed using data from Kramer Middle School Students, to include surveys and student interviews. Alternative vendors researched provided information that does not meet the needs of our students. The company provides a unique approach to using the power of voice to express feelings. The program also will focus on mindfulness.

What steps did you take to ensure that this is the only source for the goods/services you need? This includes market research, procurement history, consultation with contracting officer or specialist, etc.

In my research, I learned that African American girls are the most receive more severe sentences when entering juvenile systems and are more likely to be suspended than other races and genders. In my findings, these penalties and conceptions undermine their achievement and well-being. I researched program that would aim to provide skills to girls that would help girls present themselves in a positive manner all while maintaining and understanding who they are. In searching for vendors, the SPOQUEEN organization stood out because of the power of voice. The curriculum was uniquely fit for the constituents of my school; at Kramer MS, our students use their voice, however, the tone and how they use it may be deemed inappropriate to some. This program will teach them how to use it in a more productive manner. Gboea, the founder has had experience working with young ladies and has also had the opportunity to work with our girls. She was able to build relationships and engage the students and encouraged them to be reflective and use their voice. Also, the material and curriculum is designed by SPOQUEEN.

Check All That Apply to Your Procurement

Copyrighted services or materials
Only item approved for this use
Continuity of design or service

Only available replacement part
Must be identical to past purchases
Sales territory limited to one vendor

CERTIFICATION BY KRAMER MIDDLE SCHOOL:

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

Date

Principal
Kramer Middle School

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

Deputy Chief Procurement Officer