

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



Contracts & Procurement Division

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Purchasing Agency: Department of General Services
User Agency: District of Columbia Public Schools
Caption: Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement
Proposed Contractor: Bennett Group, Inc.

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Code Section 2-354.04 and DCMR 27 Section 4718.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of General Services (the “Department” or “DGS”) has an immediate need to engage the services of Bennett Group, Inc. (“Contractor”) for Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement, located at 430 Decatur Street NW, Washington, DC 20011.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price to provide the work for Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement is approximately **\$25,000.00**.

4. FACTS THAT JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

DGS as an agency of the District of Columbia government is responsible for constructing, sustaining, and maintaining all DC Public Schools (“DCPS”) facilities. This contract is to remove existing speakers and install new public address (PA) speakers. The existing PA speakers are not compatible with the new PA system. This additional work must progress to meet the project schedule.

The following must be completed to mitigate the impact on the project schedule:

- Remove existing speakers and install new PA speakers.

The above-referenced works must be completed without delay to open the classrooms on August 22, 2022.

Bennett Group, Inc. was engaged by the Department under an expired Basic Ordering Agreement No. DCAM-17-CS-0033J to perform various construction activities for the Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement, Project.

Bennett Group, Inc. is a resident-owned SBE and their knowledge and familiarity with DCPS schools will translate to a faster operative evaluation of the Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement Project. In addition, Bennett Group, Inc. will be able to provide remediation recommendations that are in line with DGS expectations.

Based on the above, it is in the District's best interest to allow Bennett Group, Inc. to complete the Barnard Elementary School Life Safety System Replacement, Project.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete.

Date

Tiffany Moore
Deputy Director
Capital Construction Services

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source procurement method under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source procurement action was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 4718 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Department of General Services, Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

Date

Eric Njonjo
Contracting Officer

7. CERTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

George G. Lewis, CPPO
Chief Procurement Officer
Chief, Contracts, and Procurement