

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**Purchasing Agency:** Department of General Services  
**User Agency:** District of Columbia Public Schools  
**Caption:** Peabody Elementary School lead Abatement and Painting  
**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 the Peabody Elementary School Renovation at 425 C Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

**3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The estimated fair and reasonable price to provide the work for Peabody Elementary School lead abatement and painting is approximately **\$300,000.00**.

**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 D.C. Public Schools (“DCPS”) facilities. This contract is to perform lead abatement and paint in the exterior building elements, including wood windows, metal fascia, and brickwork.

The scope of the Project generally includes, and the Contractor shall:

The last phase of the Peabody Renovation project is to perform lead abatement and paint the exterior building elements including wood windows, metal fascia, and brickwork. Most of this work is not visible from the ground close to the building. It can only be seen, in the distance, from the park across the street.

In order to access the upper workspace, a temporary stair tower and scaffolding have been erected.

Once the scaffolding was erected, a closer visual inspection of the building elements could be performed.

This visual inspection revealed that the wood windows, metal fascia, and brickwork have deteriorated over time. These elements need to be restored/repared in order to mitigate/prevent water intrusion and preserve the historic asset.

Bennett Group is the contractor on site and it is in the best interest of the government for them to perform this additional restoration work; additional justifications include the scaffolding has already been erected, and Bennett cannot complete their initial work without performing this additional work and, the August 2023 school opening.

Bennett Group, Inc. was engaged by the Department under a previous Basic Ordering Agreement No. DCAM-17-CS-0033J (“BOA”) to perform the design-build activities for Peabody Elementary School Renovation.

Bennett Group, Inc. is a resident-owned CBE and SBE, and their knowledge and familiarity with DGS schools will translate to a faster operative evaluation of the Peabody Elementary School Renovation 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 best interest of the District to allow Bennett Group, Inc. to complete the Peabody Elementary School Renovation.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY THE PROGRAM MANAGER OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:**

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

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Date

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Kerric T. Baird  
Program Manager  
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 DCMR 27 section 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.

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Date

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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.

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Date

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