

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

AGENCY: District of Columbia Public Schools, Division of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)

CAPTION: FreshFarm Food Prints for Sustainable Agriculture and Improved Food Access and Equity.

CONTRACT NO.:

D&F for Sole Source Award

provides expertise in implementing effective garden programs within the district and at the DC Public Schools it resides in.

C. Partnership will Meet Immediate Needs

Nine schools have expressed an immediate need for continuing the FoodPrints program at their schools. FRESHFARM is prepared to begin work almost immediately by providing the robust and unique program and curriculum which they created and implemented for DCPS schools during the prior contracts with the DCPS, ensuring that successful continuation and implementation of the successful programming can take effect on day one of SY22-23.

D. Proven Track Record of Success in DCPS

In a recent evaluation of FoodPrints in DCPS, researchers from George Mason University found:

- FoodPrints lessons are focused on real world application of core subject matter concepts in math, science and language arts, and students have regular opportunities to apply math and science concepts in a real world setting.
 - FoodPrints educators encourage students to work collaboratively and engage students by involving them in every step of the process.
 - Classes offer child-centered, active learning opportunities.
- The program has a positive impact on children's knowledge of nutritious foods and their willingness to eat these foods at home; their interest in cooking nutritious food at home; and their nutrition and cooking knowledge and skills.

E. Supporting a Local Business

FRESHFARM is a DC-based nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable agriculture in the Mid-Atlantic Region. As part of this work, they support local farmers through purchases at farmer's markets and direct connections with schools. They have also developed several key local partnerships, including:

- Universities and colleges to recruit, train and provide interns and practicum students opportunities to support the program.
- Research and evaluation experts to assess the effects of the program and methods for continual process improvement.
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5. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

6. CERTIFICATION BY DCPS PROGRAM:

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



September 13, 2021
Date

Director, Office of Food and Nutrition Service

DETERMINATION

Based on the above certified findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under Section 27 DCMR 1304 and 1701.

September 13, 2021
Date

Contracting Officer