



## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to The Washington STEM Center DBA Washington STEM to continue development of public-facing regionalized data dashboards and reports to support the goals of the department and the early learning advisory council, pursuant to Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5237 (child care & early learning). Additionally, this contract will provide services to consider and plan out the transition of an existing estimator software to DCYF's possession for continued, unfettered use in early learning.

Washington STEM is a statewide, independent nonprofit organization founded on the principles of equity, partnership, and sustainability. Contractor acts as an intermediary to convene, provide data support, tell stories, and scale promising practices to close pervasive equity gaps across the state.

Washington STEM is the appropriate choice to develop this specific dashboard of Early Start Act Supplemental Metrics, and is the vendor who was contemplated in the legislative intent of SB 5187 Sec. 230 (21). The ultimate goals and intentions of DCYF are singularly facilitated by Washington STEM in continuing the completion of specific, time-sensitive requirements. Washington STEM has already been developing the above goals under a no payment Memorandum of Understanding executed December 2020.

The contract will be issued on or about November 8, 2024. The dollar value is estimated at \$150,000.00 for work required during the period ending June 30, 2025. The term of this Contract may be extended by two (2) additional one (1) year term, provided the extension shall be at the sole option of DCYF. DCYF determines that each optional additional one-year extension would result in equal (and/or slightly higher) consideration being added to the total contract value.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by November 1, 2024. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Please provide proof your organization is a nonprofit organization that has demonstrated capability of partnering with agencies and community organizations to develop public-facing regionalized data dashboards and reports to measure change in equitable early learning access.
- Please provide a detailed description of your organization history of designing, developing, publishing, and maintaining public-facing data in a consumer-friendly format, which includes updates on program supply and demand for subsidized child care and preschool programs.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the Contract.

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