



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc to establish a partnership between the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (KU-CPPR) and the Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to use Our Tomorrows as part of the Community Collaborations Grant objectives. Our Tomorrows uses SenseMaker® software as part of a narrative research and evaluation approach that supports decision-making and action. In partnership, we will collect stories that are self-interpreted by the storyteller. Patterns in the resulting data will be monitored in real-time to inform policy and practice. Our Tomorrows provides opportunities for community involvement throughout the process, giving a voice at the community level to those who are often not reached or heard during evaluation, analysis, decision-making

KU-CPPR developed the Our Tomorrows story collection to provide opportunities for community involvement throughout the process, giving a voice at the community level to those who are not often reached or heard during decision-making and action planning. This story collection prompt and the categorization stones that are used with the SenseMaker software, will allow WA state to collect stories and learn about our community locales as well as the state as a whole and compare our data to other states. This is being used as an implementation tool at DCYF.

The contract will be issued on or about December 18, 2020. The dollar value is estimated at \$50,845.00 for work required during the period ending June 30, 2021. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for five (5) additional one year or through June 30, 2026, if funding is available.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by December 11, 2020.

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

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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