



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

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Cedar River Group, LLC.

Over the last three years, through the funding of the federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG), the PDG project team has worked alongside community partners, providers, parents, multiple state agencies and tribal partnerships to develop an Early Learning Strategic Plan for the state of Washington. The Cedar River Group has been integral in the strategic creation and implementation of this plan with the relationships they have built with the community members and the diverse steering committee throughout the process. Their continued unique historical knowledge, project management and oversight is required to finalize the development of Washington's first statewide early learning needs assessment, and the updated Early Learning Strategic Plan.

The contract will be issued on or about 1/14/2022. The dollar value is estimated at \$206,000.00 for work required during the period ending 12/30/2022. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for an additional five one-year terms or through 12/30/2027, 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 1/7/2022. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Ability to provide project management and consultation services to DCYF to manage the development of Washington's first statewide Early Learning Needs Assessment and a Strategic Plan as part of the federal grant application titled, Advancing an Integrated, Equitable and Responsive Early Learning System in Washington.
- Ability to lead the development of the first statewide Early Learning Needs Assessment and create an updated Early Learning Strategic Plan that includes an implementation plan based on input from Tribal Nations, communities and state agency partners.

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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