The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to the Southeast Seattle Education Coalition for the establishment of a Fellowship Program. The purpose of this Fellowship Program will be to administer and partially fund fellowships for staff to engage with DCYF. The goal of this contract and the resulting fellowship program, is to build a cohort of early childhood policy leaders who are aligned in a deep understanding of anti-racist principles and practices. Southeast Seattle Education Coalition and Pathways Washington, and the fellows placed by this organization, will work to develop practices and principles that are directly reflective of the those most impacted by systemic injustices and the identities and lived experiences of families and children of color.

The Southeast Seattle Education Coalition possess a ground level understanding of the issues surrounding systemic racism along with an infrastructure of individuals who possess skills uniquely suited to address the issues at hand. The Southeast Seattle Education Coalition will apply its unique knowledge of systemic racism to recruit fellows in order to assist the Department in the further evolution of policies and procedures; as DCYF active engages in the process of becoming an anti-racist organization.

The contract will be issued on or about September 1st, 2022. The dollar value is estimated at $217,000 for work required during the period ending June 7th, 2024.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state’s requirements by August 23rd, 2022. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Philanthropic funding and partners
- Unique skills pertaining to an understanding of systemic racism
- Administrative, academic, and functional supports for an anti-racism fellowship

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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