

## SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT CHECKLIST

Department: Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

Contractor: Asantewaa Group representing Ms. Tarana Burke

Agency Purchase Requisition No. \_\_\_\_\_

A) Reason(s) for Sole Source Procurement:

- Only a single contractor is capable of providing the service.
- Only known source; similar services/commodities are not available from another contractor.
  - Service must be compatible with existing equipment.
- A federal or state statute or federal regulation exempts the service from the competitive procedure and there is appropriate justification to do so.
- It is clearly not feasible to award the contract for services on a competitive basis.
- The services are to be provided by attorneys or litigation consultants selected by the Department.
- The services are to be provided by expert witnesses.
- The services involve the repair, modification or calibration of equipment, and they are to be performed by the manufacturer of the equipment or by the manufacturer's authorized dealer, provided the contracting officer determines that bidding is not appropriate under the circumstances.
- The contract is for financial or investment experts to be used and selected by the Department.
- The contract for services is in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

B) Briefly describe the supply or service item you are requesting and its function

Asantewaa Group, through its client, Ms. Tarana Burke, will to conduct presentation and discussion on the history and present stance of the "#METOO" movement and her thoughts on ending the cycle of workplace harassment in the United States.

C) Describe the unique features/compatibility of the supply, service or construction item that precludes competitive procurement.

In 1997, Tarana Burke sat across from a 13-year-old girl who had been sexually abused. The young girl was explaining her experience, and it left Ms. Burke speechless. That moment is where the Me Too campaign was born.

"I didn't have a response or a way to help her in that moment, and I couldn't even say 'me too,' " Ms. Burke said.

"It really bothered me, and it sat in my spirit for a long time," she added.

Ten years after that conversation, Ms. Burke created Just Be Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps victims of sexual harassment and assault. She sought out the resources that she had not found readily available to her 10 years before and committed herself to being there for people who had been abused.

And she gave her movement a name: Me Too.

Ms. Burke's first hand understanding of how the "#METOO" movement was born, makes her a unique and indispensable participant in this presentation.

D) What research has been done to verify the contractor as the only known source?

N/A

E) Does the contractor have any distributors, dealers, resellers, etc., that sell the supply, service, or construction item?

N/A

F) Must this supply, service or construction item be compatible with present inventory/equipment or in compliance with a manufacturer's warranty or existing service agreement? If yes, please explain.

N/A

G) If this is an initial procurement, what are the future consequences of the procurement? That is, once this procurement is approved and processed, what additional upgrades/additions/supplies/services/construction, etc., are anticipated/projected over the useful life of this item?

N/A

H) If this is an upgrade/addition/alteration, etc., to an existing service? How was the original service procured (sole source or competitive)? What additional, related, sole source procurements have occurred since the initial procurement? Please identify the previous purchase order or contract number(s).

N/A

I) How has this service been procured in the past? (Competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, sole source, other). Please provide document numbers.

N/A

J) What are the consequences of not procuring this specific supply or service item?

The presentation on how Ms. Burke felt when she started the "#METOO" movement can not occur without her participation.

K) How long has the agency known that the supply or service was needed, and why wasn't the contract process started earlier?

N/A

L) If timing is a factor, who established the time frame and why?

N/A

M) What are the consequences of not procuring this specific service within the established time frame?

N/A

N) List any other information relevant to the acquisition of this service.

N/A

Name of person completing the justification (Requesting Bureau/Office)

/s/ Martin C. Cunningham

---

Martin Cunningham, Esq.

Title: Deputy Chief Counsel, PHRC

Date: 03/27/2019

Phone No. 717-783-8263

Signature of Approving Authority:

---

Comptroller/Designee

---

Agency Head or Designee

All sole source procurements are to be submitted to the Bureau of Support Services, and approved by the Comptroller and Deputy State Treasurer for Law and Administration.

If an item is not applicable, indicate that it is not applicable.