

## SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION

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Date of Request: 10/21/2024

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**Proposed Vendor:** Proposed Term: One (1) year

New Mexico Out-of-School

Time (NMOST)

**Estimated Spend:** Title: New Mexico Out-of-School Time

\$194,400.00 Contact: (NMOST)

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Director

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## Description of Products / Services to be procured.

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time (NMOST) initiative aims to enhance and expand a comprehensive system of high-quality out-of-school time (OST) programs across New Mexico. This project seeks to support and sustain OST programs—including 21st CCLC, HB2, and nonstate funded programs—through professional development, and the dissemination of best practices. By fostering partnerships and providing targeted resources, NMOST will ensure that these programs meet high standards and effectively address the needs of diverse student populations.

## Basis for Sole Source Request.

New Mexico has seen increased support for Out-of-School Time (OST) programs funded at the federal level, most recently through the American Rescue Plan, with the 1% set aside for afterschool programs and beyond. In addition, the New Mexico Public Education (NMPED) ongoing partnership with the NMOST has ensured that afterschool advocates and decisionmakers have a "shared voice" regarding what constitutes a quality afterschool program in a state with a rich, culturally diverse student population. One specific ongoing area of collaborative accomplishment has been NMOST's new role as the Technical Assistance provider to all the ESSER III sites funded by NMPED. NMOST's ongoing effort to map all state and federally funded OST programming in New Mexico, including 21st CCLC, Community Schools, Extended Learning Time (ELTP), and K5 Plus initiatives. Most recently, assisting in the Quality Management of the new ESSER III Out-of-School Time Program sites, a product of the 1% set aside in afterschool programs. This has helped us by making sure new funding is reaching the most needed communities.

The unique capabilities of the prospective contractor that makes the prospective contractor the one source.

NMOST is the recipient of a grant from the Charles Stewart MOTT Foundation and OST mapping and OST Leadership Institute are intellectual properties of NMOST.

How is this uniqueness substantially related to the intended purpose of the contract?

NMOST initiative is to strengthen and expand the quality and reach of out-of-school time (OST) programs across New Mexico by providing comprehensive professional development, and resources. This effort aims to enhance program effectiveness, support OST professionals, and improve outcomes for students by ensuring high standards and fostering continuous improvement in OST services. NMOST has expertise experience with OST.

Explain why other similar professional services, services, construction or item(s) of tangible personal property cannot meet the intended purpose of the contract.

This sole source procurement is for year three of a three-year grant awarded to NMOST from the Charles Stewart MOTT Foundation, as it would be detrimental to switch providers at this point.

Agency's due diligence in determining the basis for the procurement.

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network (NMOST) has led the way in significantly increasing awareness of the gaps and the needs in New Mexico among legislators, policy makers, education leaders and the media. Not nearly enough afterschool programs are available today across New Mexico to meet the pressing needs of communities and families. The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network sets the standard among organizations in New Mexico working effectively to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

Requestor Signature: Jan Tosaic Date: 10/21/2024