

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION
TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT
(PUR 7778)**

This Notice of Intended Decision to Enter into a Single Source Contract is posted in accordance with Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 287.057(3), Florida Statutes.

AGENCY: Early Learning Coalition of Polk County

TITLE: Language ENvironment Analysis (LENA) Grow System of Services for Child Care Providers

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Utilization of the LENA Grow "talk pedometer" technology to deliver empowering, data-driven strength based coaching to help early learning educators in Polk County make proven, sustainable improvements to very young children's language environments.

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Internal tracking number, if any: ELCPOLK-FY2023-11

DMS Single Source number, if applicable:

Date posted: 1/3/24 Time posted: 8am

Commodity or Contractual Service (commodity or United Nation Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

Utilization of the Language ENvironment Analysis (LENA) Grow "talk pedometer" technology to deliver empowering, data-driven coaching that improves outcomes for children and teachers. The goal is to improve talk and program effectiveness, including increasing CLASS scores.

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Early Learning Coalition of Polk County

Performance and/or Design Requirements (intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, as appropriate):

Program Guidance 240.21 COVID – 19 Crisis Emergency Funding Assistance for Early Learning/Child Care Providers American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Supply Building Initiatives ARPA Discretionary.

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Intended Single Source:

Language ENvironment Analysis (LENA)

Price:
\$100,000

Justification for Single Source Purchase (what is necessary and unique about the commodity, contractual service, or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

The Language ENvironment Analysis (LENA) Grow is an evidence-based professional development program that helps early childhood educators improve classroom language environments in early learning settings. The Learning Environment Analysis (LENA) Grow is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the "talk pedometer" technology that will be used to measure the quality of teacher-child interactions, collect data and support strength based coaching to early educators increasing both quantity and quality of the teacher-child interactions. The intended outcomes of this initiative include increasing CLASS composite scores leading to better long-term outcomes for children. An exhaustive search for a similar platform did not yield any competitors. Patents for the LENA System™, including one or more of its component software and hardware products, including LENA Pro™, LENA Hub™, LENA Online™ (also known as LENA Mobile™), and the Digital Language Processor™ (also known as the LENA recorder) can be found online at lena.org/patents. Sole source letter attached.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Dr. Jane Ierardi, Board Chair, ELC of Polk County

Dr. Marc Hutek, CEO, ELC of Polk County

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to file a bond or other security within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Protests may be filed with the agency by:

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