

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: Early Learning Coalition of Polk County

TITLE: Learning Beyond Paper's Coaching & Professional Development Program -- "Advancing Early Childhood Outcomes: A Comprehensive Two-Year Mentoring, Coaching, and Professional Development Program"

Short description of the commodity or service desired: The Coalition will expand our existing Coaching and Professional Development Program with Learning Beyond Paper by implementing the next level (enhanced version) of the training over the next two years. This ongoing coaching and professional developing program will build on coaching skills already developed as part of the initial training program (Learning Beyond Paper's "Back to the Basics"), and it will continue to support the daily work of the Coalition's Instructional Support Team by focusing heavily on best practices when implementing research-based coaching models in low-performing preschool classrooms. The program will also include ongoing professional development provided directly to School Readiness and VPK owners, directors and teachers.

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with Sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and will remain posted for a period of at least 15 business days.

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

The Coalition will expand our existing Coaching and Professional Development Program with Learning Beyond Paper by implementing the "Advancing Early Childhood Outcomes: A Comprehensive Two-Year Mentoring, Coaching and Professional Development Program" over the next two years. The program aims to prepare children for kindergarten by improving teacher effectiveness through coaching, application, observations, feedback, training and professional development. In addition to the professional development provided directly to preschool directors and teachers, this program will also include specialized training and ongoing support for Coalition coaches.

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

Up to 20 coaches will participate in training and on-going professional development for a period of two years. Additionally, approximately 60 child care providers (approximately 30 per year -- to include owner, director, and/or teachers) will be offered the opportunity to participate in monthly professional development sessions over a period of two years.

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):
Early Learning Coalition of Polk County

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

The Coalition's goal is to support high-quality instruction for children and increase kindergarten readiness rates.

Intended Single Source:
Learning Beyond Paper

Estimated Dollar Amount:
\$198,000.00

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

.Learning Beyond Paper (LBP) offers specialized expertise in early childhood education. LBP methodologies integrate evidence-based practices with innovative, practical applications designed specifically to advance early childhood education. LBP has established a strong track record with the ELC of Polk, having previously delivered extensive year-long coaching and professional development that has been highly successful. LBP's services include the development of customized training content that is meticulously aligned with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards. This customization ensures that LBP's training directly supports the specific objectives of Polk County's educational framework and addresses the unique challenges faced by local educators. Additionally, Learning Beyond Paper is the only vendor authorized to provide an extended version of the same specific training that was previously provided for ELC Polk. This is important in order to remain consistent for all School Readiness and VPK providers in Polk County. This specific program was approved in the ARPA Discretionary grant application amendment on 05/15/24.

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

Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall provide notice of its

intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 120.57(3), F.S.