

**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: 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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Internal tracking number, if any: ELCPOLK-FY2023-20

DMS Single Source number, if applicable:

Date posted: 6/10/24 Time posted: 8:00 am

Commodity or Contractual Service (commodity or United Nation 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.

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

Intended Single Source:
Learning Beyond Paper

Price:
\$198,000.00

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):

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

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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