Note: This Sole Source Certification will become a public document, open to public inspection; therefore, you should be certain all material facts are true, relevant and clearly understandable.

SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

Under the requirement of University of Florida Rule No. 6C1-3.020(5)(f)(2), the following is submitted in support of this request for authority to purchase, without bidding, the items available from only one source.

Note: Sole Source means that the item/service is unique and that the vendor is the only one from whom the item/service can be provided. Best Price alone cannot be used for sole source. If the item/service is available from more than one source of supply, best price must be determined through the competitive bid process.

A. Sole Source Vendor Company Name: Policy Equity Group
   Contact Person: Jeffrey Capizzano
   Address: 1371 E Street, S.E.
   Telephone: 202-557-5717        Fax:     Email: jeffreye@policyequity.com

B. Describe in lay language, what the item/service is and how it is to be used in your area of research. (cont. P2)
   The Lastinger Center seeks to engage the services of The Policy Equity Group to conduct the evaluation of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG). This grant is designed to provide an evaluator with experience and existing knowledge of the Florida early childhood system and the requirement of the PDG, both current requirements and renewal requirements. The Policy Equity Group has specific and unique expertise in the Preschool Development Grants, including participating in the development of the original Preschool Development Grant program. The Policy Equity Group has deep expertise in early childhood systems development, federal to state program development, delivery and evaluation, and supporting and staffing high level stakeholders, such as technical experts, appointees and elected officials.

C. What feature or special condition of this commodity/service is unique and cannot be obtained from any other source? (cont. P2)
   The Policy Equity Group is expert in designing, methodologically strong models given the complexity of data in early learning. The diversity of fund sources leads to diverse data categorization and availability and the Policy Equity Group brings unique expertise in understanding these limitations, understanding federal program development and expectations and measurement. The Policy Equity Group brings the following assets, which in combination are key to the project success and unknown in another entity.

D. Is this product being purchased directly from the manufacturer?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   If No, is it available from more than one dealer?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   If Yes, it is available from more than one dealer, why can this item not be bid? (cont. P2)
   N/A, this is not a manufactured product.

E. Prior to submitting this requisition, did you investigate other possible sources?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
   If Yes: 1) Did you obtain quotes from the other sources?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No If Yes, attach copies.
   2) Is this Vendor's price lower than the other sources?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No If No, justify the additional cost below.

   It was concluded that The Policy Equity Group was the only group with the experience and expertise needed to successfully support this project that was also nimble enough to meet the tight contract timeline given the 6 month Preschool Development Grant project duration with work concluding by December 31, 2019.

F. Other Sole Source comments or explanations. (cont. P2)
   The Policy Equity Group's experience and qualifications are unique and directly applicable to evaluation and scope included in the Scope of Work.

I, we, the undersigned, certify the above to be true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge and belief and the user and / or undersigned does not have a financial interest in the above named vendor.

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Knowledge of multiple state approaches to PDG to best position Florida for success in the next round of competition.

Knowledge of multiple federal funding opportunities in early childhood education, which is inclusive of Office of Head Start, Office of Head Start, and Department of Education programs.

Experience working with Florida early learning service delivery professionals.

Deep experience in a variety of states and nationally in planning, participating, and executing technical workgroups made up of national experts in statistics, measurement, and program evaluation.

Previously completed contracted work in Florida's early childhood system and with the Florida Office of Early Learning and other key state leaders.

Expertise in developing and leading statewide evaluation plans and guiding national evaluation plans employing both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

Experience in child care data complexity and approaches to ensuring data quality in program evaluation.

Expertise in child outcomes and programmatic goals that are developed to maximize child outcomes.

Experience with primary and secondary data in statewide early childhood program evaluation efforts.

Extensive success in leading research and providing programmatic support at the state and national levels.

Experience working within the federal Administration for Children and Families and in collaboration with key colleagues currently serving in the Administration for Children and Families, The Office of Head Start and The Department of Education.

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The Policy Equity Group will provide strategic support in the Florida PDG project. This strategic support consists of insight with the Administration for Children and Families through working with multiple other States, they are experts at determining which data are key in driving the evaluation, which is critical to providing evaluation findings which will make the project competitive in the next phase of funding. Their knowledge of the federal expectations and future direction of the funding will drive their recommendations in data elements needed in the evaluation and outcomes sought. In addition to the strategic guidance in the design of the study, they will also collect, analyze and compile results that will support the PDG implementation proposal.