

# Sole Source Notification

## Migrant & Native Student Arts Academies

*It is the intent of Washington State to promote open competition and transparency for all contracts for goods and services. In accordance with Department of Enterprise Service (DES) policy #DES-140-00, all intended sole source contracts must be made available for public inspection for a period of not less than ten (10) working days before the start date of the contract. This Sole Source Notification satisfies the requirement.*

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) intends to award a \$ 713,952 sole source contract to Arts Impact for the period of January 2021, through August 2021. There are two main objectives for this contract: 1) Provide support and expertise in the continued development, implementation, and evaluation of the Native Voices Arts Academy pilot program focused on facilitating effective practices for infusing art standards, cultural understanding, and core instruction through traditional ways of knowing. 2) Plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a Voices from the Field Arts Academy focused on enhancing the skills and abilities of educators to infuse art standards into the core instruction of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.

The five-day Native Voices Arts Academy is planned for March 2021. Contractor shall secure catering and a hosting site to accommodate up to 120 attendees including students, educators, teaching artists, student chaperones, etc. In the event COVID-19 restrictions prevent in-person format, Arts Impact will provide a remote learning program for students and staff and will develop and deliver on-line program with instructional materials and resources to allow continued student engagement opportunities.

The five-day Voices from the Field Arts Academy is planned for June 2021. Contractor shall develop and deliver the educator component of Voices from the Field Arts Academy for up to 24 educators. In the event COVID-19 restrictions prevent in-person format, Arts Impact will develop and deliver an on-line program with applicable materials and resources for continued professional learning opportunities.

Arts Impact will also provide mentorships for school educators who have participated in previous Academies to access teaching artists for ongoing professional learning opportunities. Using professional learning mentorships for educators who have participated in previous Academies, the Contractor shall coordinate and facilitate



lesson/curriculum development to test and revise lesson units to be developed for Spring and Summer 2021 Arts Academy implementation.

Additionally, in January 2021, the Contractor shall provide weekly Voices from the Field On-line Student Gatherings for students to re-engage with teaching artists. In Summer 2021, Contractor shall host a Voices from the Field Student Showcase, a one-day video conference for students to re-engage with classmates, teaching artists and staff to showcase their projects. Following the Academies, the Contractor will provide summary and evaluation reports.

OSPI has worked with Arts Impact (formerly part of Educational Service District 121) for these services annually since 2016. Due to our previous successful experience working with this Contractor, OSPI has determined Arts Impact is the most appropriate entity to provide these services based on their established professional learning structure focused on arts infused instruction in core instruction of English language arts and mathematics. Arts Impact has extensive experience working in Washington State schools providing professional learning to PreK-8th grade teachers reaching thousands of students. They are a nationally recognized arts education program, having received seven highly competitive U.S. Department of Education arts education grants. In one grant award, Arts Impact was able demonstrate how arts infusion was able to close the opportunity gap for children of color and children of poverty.

Consultants contemplating the above requirements shall submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements ***no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 4, 2021.***

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is in the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract mentioned above to Arts Impact.

For additional information, or to submit a capability statement, please contact:

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