

NOTICE OF SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Date: June 11, 2009

Vendor/Contractor: School Improvement Network

Contract Amount: \$60,247.50

Description of Services: Professional development on-line materials.

Sole Source Determination: Unique program to provide staff development to address discrepancy in achievement.

Date of Award: TBD




VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A H E A D O F T H E C U R V E

Office of Equity Affairs

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin J. Beardsley, Director
Office of Purchasing Services

FROM: Esther Monclova-Johnson, Director 
Office of Equity Affairs
Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION – School Improvement Network**

DATE: June 10, 2009

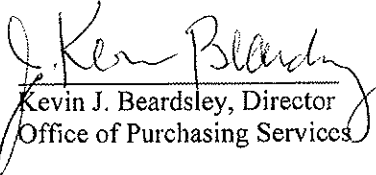
The major goal of the Office of Equity Affairs is to further the goals of the School Division and School Board that focus on a culturally responsive educational environment. In Compass to 2015: Strategic Objective #3 states: Each school will improve achievement for all students while closing the achievement gaps for identified student groups, with particular focus on African American males. To that end, the Office of Equity Affairs intends to facilitate culturally and linguistically conscious staff development for educational leaders and teachers to do the following:

- Gain new and unique insights into issues of the discrepancy in achievement between students of color and white students.
- Better understand the complex issues surrounding the achievement gap and be better equipped to permanently eliminate it in the schools and the Division
- Learn facilitation techniques for achieving equity in schools by using Courageous Conversations about Race.
- Learn how to use the Equity Framework to comprehensively address student achievement with the focus on leadership, school culture, and teaching and learning.
- Assist in the development and sustainability of School Professional Development Communities and integrate other companion resources such as PD360.

School Improvement Network is the sole source provider of these professional development materials. School Improvement Network is the developer and sole source provider for the professional development online service, PD 360-Professional Development On Demand, and all video programs associated with PD 360. Providing the opportunity to utilize all of these available resources to provide the Division Wide training will address our goals of increasing the academic achievement for all children and closing the cultural and linguistic achievement gaps.

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Approved:


Kevin J. Beardsley, Director
Office of Purchasing Services

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