

**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 the Emerald Coast

TITLE: Teaching Strategies GOLDFinch assessment portfolios

Short description of the commodity or service desired: This is a platform utilized by School Readiness providers to collect child assessment data, help instructors to interpret information, and create individualized plans. There is one portfolio needed for each child enrolled in the GOLD program, and teacher/coach subscriptions will be purchased to help support the implementation of GOLD in both Okaloosa and Walton counties

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Internal tracking number, if any: TeachingStrategies2025-2026

DMS Single Source number, if applicable:

**Date posted: 04/20/2026    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):

Teaching Strategies GOLDFinch assessment portfolios with Teacher/Coach subscriptions

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Early Learning Coalition of the Emerald Coast

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):

Teaching Strategies GOLDFinch bundle is an accepted child assessment tool to be used in the School Readiness Program. Participating providers may receive a 5% differential if they complete all required components.

Intended Single Source:

Teaching Strategies, LLC

Price:

\$99,980.00

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):

Teaching Strategies, LLC is the owner, developer, and copyright holder of the GOLDchild assessment tool. Teaching Strategies, LLC holds the trademarks for components training curriculum materials, and methodologies for GOLD. GOLD is sold and distributed exclusively by Teaching Strategies, LLC. This product must be purchased directly from Teaching Strategies

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Dana Hodges

CEO

**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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