Contract Overview	
Contract Type	Amendment to Sole Source Contract
Contract Title	Harvard Strategic Data Project Fellows
Method of Procurement	Sole Source
	Harvard is the sole provider of a two-year employee recruitment program that focuses specifically on educational data analytics expertise. Similar programs, such as Education Pioneers and The Broad Center, were researched, but they lacked the specific data analytics expertise necessary to meet the Department of Information Technology's needs.
Contract #	https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cregister/ContractDetails.aspx?contractNumber=4400012442
Vendor Name	President and Fellows of Harvard College dba Harvard University

Contract Summary	
Description of Services	The contractor administers the Strategic Data Project (“SDP”) Fellowship.
Contract Start Date	December 10, 2025
Contract End Date	December 31, 2030
Initial Term of Contract	Five (5) years
Contract Renewals	0
Total Contract Value	$495,000
Annual Value	$99,000
Funding Source	School Operating
Pricing Structure	Firm fixed fee per fellow
Contract Terms	FCPS standard contract terms apply with negotiated revisions to several administrative, legal and compliance related provisions.

Strategic Alignment	
Sponsor	Gautam Sethi, chief information technology officer
Strategic Plan Pillars	☐ Pillar A - Differentiated and Culturally Responsive Learning Environments ☐ Pillar B - Vibrant Home, School and Community Partnerships

	☑ Pillar C - Diverse, Adaptive and Supported Workforce ☐ Pillar D - Culture of Equity, Excellence and Accountability
Department	Information Technology
Description of Need	The Department of Information Technology (DIT) continually needs staff with expertise in advanced educational data analytics to support the central office and school leaders. To meet this demand, DIT seeks to hire education-related data specialists who can contribute to the many data analytics projects.
Background Information	Since 2008, the Strategic Data Project (SDP) at the Harvard Center for Education Policy and Research has partnered with educational agencies, including school districts, universities, and charter schools, to use data analysis to strengthen policy and management decisions. The SDP Fellowship trains experienced data strategists to lead high-impact data projects within partnering education agencies. Fellows, who possess at least a master's degree and four years of relevant experience, receive intensive training in measurement, analysis, leadership, and education policy. Upon joining, they become part of a national network of leading education data professionals. Since 2021, DIT has successfully utilized four SDP Fellows to complete high-level work, including the crucial "On-Time Graduation Dashboard." To keep pace with growing needs, DIT planned to hire two new Fellows annually, but decided to hire one for this year.

Amendment Detail	
Description of Contract Change	This amendment is to revise the 2026 Fellowship Program by reducing the number of SDP Fellows from two (2) to one (1).
Annual Value of Change	-$43,000
Total Contract Value of Change	-$43,000

Compliance and Reviews			
Cybersecurity Review	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ Not applicable
IT Review	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ Not applicable
Legal Review	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ Not applicable
Risk Management Review	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ Not applicable