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ODCA Hires Alvarez & Marsal for Charter Facility Allotment Review

April 29, 2026 (WASHINGTON) The Office of the D.C. Auditor (ODCA) has awarded the third of three sole source contracts to Alvarez and Marsal Public Sector Services, LLC (A&M) to complete a series of studies of District education expenditures.

The new contract requires a comprehensive review of the D.C. public charter school facilities allotment at a value of up to \$325,000.

The District's charter schools receive an annual per-student facilities allotment to be used to cover costs associated with buying or leasing buildings and the maintenance and operations of those schools. A recent Deputy Mayor for Education funding report noted that in FY 2023 the amount charters budgeted for facilities costs was significantly less than the amount allocated through the funding formula.

Previously, ODCA engaged A&M to produce studies of [D.C. Public Schools staffing and expenditures](#) and [growth in staffing and spending by the District's two education oversight agencies](#), the Office of the State Superintendent of Education and the Deputy Mayor for Education. These engagements also were governed by sole source contracts.

A&M has more than 25 years of experience in K-12 education and has worked with K-12 districts and charter school organizations such as the Houston Independent School District, Newark Public Schools, and the New York City Department of Education, including review of structural financial issues and rising educational costs.

D.C. Auditor Kathy Patterson noted that the consulting firm has produced high-profile, sensitive analyses for the Bowser Administration on two recent occasions. In 2017, A&M conducted a comprehensive audit for OSSE, examining graduation rates and policies in DCPS high schools. A&M also partnered with the Office of the City Administrator in 2019 to conduct an independent review and investigation of code enforcement processes and communication procedures, identifying gaps and areas for improvement.

ODCA has independent procurement authority which includes discretion to award sole source contracts. ODCA policy requires a public notice of contract awards having a value over \$100,000.

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