

**(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF EXCEPTION-TO-BID CONTRACTS**

*This item initiated by the Administration.*

**ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following exception-to-bid requests:

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) for Milwaukee Partnership School Evaluation**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER), to evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project. WCER will conduct focus groups and/or survey teachers to garner perceptions around key components of the initiative, particularly the support and professional development provided to teachers. Survey content/focus group agendas will be appropriately vetted with stakeholders, including the project steering committee. WCER will analyze the results and produce a report for inclusion in an annual progress report by August 1, 2024, as well as a project final report.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The initial contract was in effect from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The first extension has a term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The second and final contract extension will run from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The total cost of the contract in Year 3 shall not exceed \$159,181.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-H-S-M44-CI-ECTS.....(Contracted Services).....\$ 159,181.00

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System**

**HUB PARTICIPATION (hours per 12-month contract)**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to Evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, to evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project. Center for Urban Population Health will provide formative data regarding the implementation of the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project to the project team members (including the building intervention teams, steering committee, and executive committee). The evaluation will address the metrics described in the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project grant including interventions provided to students (math, reading social-emotional learning), student achievement data student attendance, family event attendance, student suspensions, and project collaboration.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The initial contract was in effect from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The first extension has a term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The second and final extension (Year 3) will run from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$153,891 in Year 3.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-H-S-M44-CI-ECTS .... (Contract Services).....\$ 153,891.00

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Committee for Children for Supplemental Materials for the Second Step Curriculum**

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Committee for Children for supplemental materials for the Second Step curriculum.

Materials will support the recent transition to the updated digital Second Step curriculum. Materials purchased will assist teachers in generalizing the skills learned and coaching students to use social and emotional skills across educational environments. Second Step teaches students skills of self-regulation, empathy, emotion management, friendship, and problem solving.

The exception to bid has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$59,287.50.

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-I-D8X-DW-ESUP.....(Ex Ed/Supportive Services)..... \$59,287.50

**Committee for Children**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
Proposed .....0%  
\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS  
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception      Authorization to Issue a Contract with Language Learning Network for Bilingual Montessori Licensed Teachers**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Language Learning Network to provide the school district with bilingual Montessori licensed teachers to fill vacant positions for the 2023-24 school year. In addition, Language Learning Network will provide licensed World language teachers for current vacancies in the district.

This partnership will provide licensed teachers in World Language and bilingual Montessori credentialed educators.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are one-of-a-kind (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(E)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$1,125,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-I-BDL-DW-ECTS..... \$1,125,000.00

**Language Learning Network**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
Proposed .....0%  
\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS  
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception      Authorization to Issue Two Contracts with Wisconsin Center District (WCD) for Graduation Ceremonies**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into two contracts with Wisconsin Center District (WCD) for in person graduation ceremonies for MPS high schools. WCD will be used to deliver in person graduation ceremonies for high schools May 22, 2024 thru May 29, 2024. Two contracts are submitted for 2-days each of graduation ceremonies. The graduation activities are being issued as two separate contracts at the vendor's request to differentiate the activities. While the dates of graduation (May 22/23 and May 28/29) are grouped by two-day periods, the start date of the contracts reflect

payment milestones for deposits payable to the vendor. Services include setting up, cleaning, staffing, lighting, video and sound for all ceremonies.

With the ability to accommodate a large number of guests at the ceremony and live stream ceremonies, WCD will host our MPS graduations for our 16 largest high schools with live streaming available through the MPS YouTube channel.

The exception to bid has been granted on the basis of continuity: (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The contracts will run from October 1, 2023 through May 23, 2024 and October 1, 2023 through May 29, 2024. Each contract is \$88,028.68 for a total cost not to exceed \$176,057.36.

**Budget Code:**

OGA-0-0-ADS-LS-ECTS...(Office of School Administration – Contract Services)..... \$176,057.36

**Wisconsin Center District**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception**

**Authorization to Issue a Contract with Wisconsin Center District for the 50<sup>th</sup> MPS Biennial Music Festival Rehearsals and Performances**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Wisconsin Center District for the 50<sup>th</sup> MPS Biennial Music Festival rehearsals and performances. Contractor will be used to deliver services including setting up, cleaning, staffing, video, sound, and lights for rehearsals and performances.

The UWM Panther Arena has been the site of the MPS Biennial Music Festival for many years. The Wisconsin Center District is uniquely qualified to provide exceptional service for an event of this size. The professional quality of the sound and lights available at this venue will enable MPS students and families to appropriately celebrate 100 years of making music in Milwaukee Public Schools.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The contract will run from October 1, 2023 through May 17, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$190,002.34.

**Budget Code:**

CCM-0-0-MFE-DW-ECTS.....(Curriculum & Instruction)..... \$190,002.34

**Wisconsin Center District**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County for Services Associated with the Community Schools Partnership**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (United Way) to provide services in the continued development and implementation of the Community Schools model. The schools to be serviced under the contract in the 2023-2024 school year are: Auer Avenue Community School, Bradley Tech High School, Browning Elementary, Hopkins Lloyd Community School, James Madison Academic Campus, Lincoln Avenue School, Longfellow School, North Division High School, South Division High School, Washington High School, Westside Academy, Zablocki Elementary, Alexander Mitchell School, Martin Luther King Jr, Grantosa Drive School, O. W. Holmes School, and additional school(s) that follow the approved Community Schools application process determined at a later date.

United Way shall serve as a backbone partner for the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership (MCSP). The role United Way plays is instrumental to the MCSP as a collective strategy to assist in transforming schools into a place where students, families, staff, and the surrounding community can work together to ensure every student is successful. While each Community School may use different strategies and activities to improve its school and community, each share the guiding practices of shared leadership, equity and cultural relevance. The Community Schools strategy is focused on collaboration and collective action: engaging multiple stakeholders, collectively building aspirations and removing barriers through data while developing priorities and aligning partnerships, initiatives, and policies, to ensure every student is successful.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services of continuity of previous services (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv)).

The original contract, provided for two additional one-year extensions upon the mutual written consent of parties; with a term of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The contract will be extended for the first additional one-year term, from September 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the original Contract except for those specifically modified in this second extension.

The total cost of the contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$580,000.00. These board funds do not cover the full cost of the project; MPS and United Way will partner to apply for relevant government, foundation and corporate support.

**Budget Code:**

OSC-0-S-1T4-LS-ECTS.....\$580,000.00

**United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required.....0%

Proposed.....0%

\$ Value..... N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Courageous Conversation LLC for Courageous Conversations about Race**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Courageous Conversation LLC formerly known as Pacific Educational Group, Inc for Courageous Conversations about Race for professional development services. Contractor will be used to provide coaching to district leadership guiding implementation, as well as train an identified cohort of staff members to be licensed facilitators of the work to maintain district sustainability over time.

For the 2023-2024 school year all staff members will continue to attend the virtual Courageous Conversations Experience, which will be facilitated internally by the team of certified facilitators.

A cohort of identified staff members from across the district will participate in their practitioner’s cohort learning more about integration of this work throughout the district. This group can also be considered to become facilitators going forward.

This work is connected to the professional development Beyond Diversity provided through Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction that over 400 MPS staff members and community members have attended, as well as aligned with the text Courageous Conversations about Race in which multiple schools, teams, departments, and staff members have been utilizing.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The original contract, provided for two additional one-year extensions upon the mutual written consent of parties; with a term of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The contract was extended for the first additional one-year term, from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The contract will now be extended for the final term through September 30, 2024 under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the original Contract except for those specifically modified in this final extension.

The contract will run from January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

The total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$273,050.00.

**Budget Code:**

NST-0-S-9H4-SN-ECTS..... \$273,050.00

**Courageous Conversation LLC**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....25%  
Proposed .....0%  
\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS