

(ATTACHMENT 7) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

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Contract Number: C029756
Vendor Number: V001954

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This Contract is being entered into this 1st day of January 2021, by and between **EdTech Strategies, LLC** (“Contractor”) and Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”). This Contract is the result of an open competitive procurement, specifically Request for Proposal (RFP) 1032.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor shall specifically perform the following tasks:

As requested by MPS and in accordance with the Scope of Services of RFP 1032, which is hereby incorporated by reference, Contractor shall provide for comprehensive advisement and consulting services on all aspects of MPS’s application for E-rate funding from the FCC. Such services will encompass pre-application, application period and post-commitment services. Specific services shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- a) Discussion and analysis of MPS’s telecommunications and Internet services and equipment to determine whether such services and equipment are eligible for E-rate funding.
- b) Development of a schedule with MPS for RFP development in order to support timely application filing.
- c) Provide training to MPS staff on E-rate compliance.
- d) Consult with MPS staff to improve compliance with E-rate requirements while maximizing the total discount allowed under the program guidelines by engaging in the following activities and duties:
 - i. Advise on the proper methodology and calculation of E-rate discounts.
 - ii. Report on changes in program regulations and procedures and the impact to the services being requested.
 - iii. Provide information about any anticipated changes that might affect procurement and application preparation and compliance.
 - iv. Provide information on required program documentation to determine compliance with E-rate eligibility requirements and accuracy, existence and completeness of reporting.
 - v. Make recommendations on documentation required to be kept for audit purposes.
 - vi. Communicate information on compliance issues and make suggestions for improvement.
- e) Advise MPS regarding the FCC/SLD program requirements for procurement including: appropriate interactions with vendors; proposal evaluation; proposal documentation; multi-year contract processes; and timing of procurement-related processes.
- f) Advise MPS on preparation of E-rate competitive procurements (RFPs or Bids).
 - i. Review RFPs or Bids for E-rate compliance issues and recommend language to ease subsequent E-rate implementation.
 - ii. Assist with the development of responses to vendor questions during the procurement process.
- g) Review contracts resulting from competitive procurements for E-rate compliance issues and recommend language to ease subsequent E-rate implementation.
- h) Assist MPS with preparation, review and timely submission of all necessary E-rate forms, including FCC forms 470, 471, 486 and 472.
 - i. Obtain and review any supporting documentation related to these forms.
 - ii. Assist MPS staff with questions related to form submission.
- i) Research application and funding status and provide reports on the status of applications.
- j) Assist MPS with the preparation of responses to any questions posed by USAC’s Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) team during Selective Review.
- k) If required, prepare Service Substitution and SPIN change requests and track any corresponding FRN extensions and related impacts on filing deadlines.
- l) If funding requests are denied:
 - i. Evaluate the likelihood of a successful appeal based on existing program rules and review of similar appeals and make recommendations as to appeal strategies.
 - ii. Work with MPS staff to determine the accuracy of factual data surrounding an appeal.
 - iii. Prepare initial draft of appeal documents for MPS review and filing.
 - iv. Monitor and assist with the appeal process through resolution.
 - v. Make recommendations, if appropriate, for compliance of such services for following funding year.
- m) Review E-rate invoice processes and make recommendations as necessary for improvement.
- n) Stay abreast of program changes and implementation practices that will affect those services eligible for E-rate discounts.
 - i. Communicate any program changes to MPS along with analyses of probable impact on MPS services or applications.

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- ii. To the extent possible, provide MPS with information on proposed changes to the Eligible Services List and work with MPS to minimize the negative impact of such changes.
- o) Develop and file comments with the FCC as desired.

RFP 1032 (including all exhibits and addenda) and Contractor’s Response to RFP 1032, are incorporated herein by reference. All minimum respondent qualifications of the RFP are material terms of this Contract with which Contractor must comply.

Contractor shall provide, at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under this Contract.

2. TERM

This Contract shall be in effect from January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (“Year 1”), with the option to extend for up to four additional one-year terms to run from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (“Year 2”), and October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 (“Year 3”), October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 (“Year 4”), and October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 (“Year 5”), upon mutual consent of the parties and Board approval. MPS will base its renewal decision on the following performance metrics to be rated by MPS personnel. Contractor must attain a minimum score of 90 points to be eligible for contract renewal; however, 90 points does not guarantee renewal.

Performance Metrics	Points
Ability to convey knowledge of program rules and regulations to MPS staff	25
Ability of personnel provided to meet program requirements of MPS	35
Invoicing and billing, including but not limited to, accuracy, timeliness, and following process.	20
Customer Service quality, including but not limited to, responsiveness to any contact from MPS within 24 hours.	20
Total	100

No work shall commence before a Contractor receives a fully executed Contract and has been given approval to proceed. Any work performed by the Contractor prior to obtaining a fully-executed Contract with approval to proceed shall not be compensated pursuant to this Contract. Any continuation of the Contract beyond this term must be set forth in writing and signed by authorized signatories of the parties.

3. COMPENSATION

Total compensation under this Contract shall not exceed \$211,845.00 in Year 1, and \$282,460 in each of the subsequent extension years (Years 2, 3, 4 and 5).

Contractor will invoice, on a monthly basis, one-ninth of the total compensation amount in Year 1 and one-twelfth of the total compensation amount in each of the extension years (Years 2, 3, 4, and 5).

MPS reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether services have been adequately and fully delivered; to withhold payment until services are fully and adequately delivered; or to disallow a pro rata share of payments for services not fully and adequately delivered.

Milwaukee Public Schools does not pay in advance for services. No payment shall be made until a properly submitted invoice is approved. Invoices shall be submitted to:

Milwaukee Public Schools
ATTN: Chad Meyer, Director
Department of Technology
5225 W. Vliet Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

As a matter of practice, MPS attempts to pay all invoices in 30 days. It is mutually agreed that State Prompt pay law does not apply to this Contract.

Unless otherwise specified, MPS shall not pay invoices submitted more than 60 days after actual work. In the case of grant funding, no payments shall be made after grant close out. Final invoices must be marked as such.

4. NON APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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This Contract is contingent upon the appropriation of sufficient funds by appropriate MPS officials. If funds are not appropriated, Contractor agrees to take back any commodities furnished under the Contract, terminate any services supplied to MPS under the Contract, and relieve MPS of any further obligations under the Contract.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

In the performance of work under this Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate in any way against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of a person's sex, race, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or socio-economic status. This prohibition includes but is not limited to employment; promotions, demotions and transfers; recruitment; advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. Contractor is required to include a similar provision in all subcontracts to this Contract.

If MPS determines Contractor has violated this non-discrimination policy, MPS may terminate this Contract without liability for undelivered services or materials. MPS may also deem the Contractor ineligible to participate in future contracts with MPS.

6. INDEMNITY

Notwithstanding any references to the contrary, Contractor assumes full liability for all of its acts or omissions in the performance of this Contract, as well as the acts or omissions of its subcontractors. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless MPS, its agents, officers and employees against all liabilities, losses, judgments, decrees, costs, and expenses that may be claimed against MPS as a result of granting of this Contract to said Contractor, or that may result from the carelessness or neglect of said Contractor, its agents, or employees. If judgment is recovered against MPS in suits of law or equity for any reason, including by reason of the carelessness, negligence, or acts or omissions of the Contractor, against such persons, firms or corporations carrying out the provisions of the Contract for the Contractor, the Contractor assumes full liability for such judgment, not only as to any monetary award, but also as to the costs, attorneys' fees or other expenses resulting therefrom.

In accordance with applicable laws, MPS shall be responsible for defending and paying judgments on behalf of its officers, employees and agents while acting within the scope of their employment or agency for any claims that may arise out of MPS's negligence for acts, policies, or directives that affect the activities covered by this Contract.

7. BACKGROUND CHECKS

Contractor will conduct, at Contractor's expense, a criminal information records background check, (hereinafter referred to as "background check"), through the Wisconsin Department of Justice and other appropriate states' agencies, on all current and potential administrators, board members, officers, and employees who have, or who are anticipated to have, "direct, unsupervised contact" with MPS students in the performance of this Contract.

An out of state background check should be completed in the state(s) in which the individual resided for at least six months within the last two years and was eighteen years or older at the time.

Contractor will submit to MPS's Department of Employment Relations (DER), (via mail to Milwaukee Public Schools Background Checks, Attn: Department of Employment Relations, Room 116, 5225 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208, or via email at 564@milwaukee.k12.wi.us), all completed background checks. Such records will be reviewed and MPS will notify Contractor of any individual(s) who, based on MPS standards, are unfit and should not have contact with MPS students. All determinations made by MPS with regards to whether an individual is fit to provide services pursuant to this Contract are made in MPS's sole discretion.

The following will each be a material failure to comply with the terms of this Contract and cause for immediate termination of this Contract by MPS: failure to perform background checks as outlined in this Section 7; failure to submit background checks to MPS as outlined in this Section 7; allowing services to be provided by an individual who has not be subjected to a background check; and allowing services to be performed by an individual who has been determined to be unfit by MPS as outlined in this Section 7.

8. SHIPPING /TAXES

If goods are provided pursuant to this Contract, please note that MPS is exempt from Federal Excise and Wisconsin Sales Taxes. All vendor quotes, bids and invoices must include delivery FOB destination to the MPS location receiving the goods and freight must be prepaid. This means any freight, shipping, processing, handling or like charges must be part of a unit price. Any separate line items for freight, shipping, processing, handling or like charges listed on an invoice will be deleted and NOT PAID.

All textbook purchases shall be governed by the terms and conditions in the Milwaukee Board of School Directors' Textbook Contract, which provides that textbooks shipped to MPS or its schools must be done at no additional charge to MPS or its schools.

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MPS reserves the right to reject any items that do not conform to the bid, quote or Purchase Order. All return freight charges associated with the rejected materials shall be borne by the vendor.

9. IRREPARABLE HARM

It is mutually agreed the breach of this Contract on Contractor's part shall result in irreparable and continuing damage to MPS for which money damages may not provide adequate relief. Therefore, the breach of this Contract on Contractor's part shall entitle MPS to both preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and money damages insofar as they can be determined under the circumstances.

10. TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR

Contractor may, at its option, terminate this Contract upon the failure of MPS to pay any amount, which may become due hereunder for a period of sixty (60) days following submission of appropriate billing and supporting documentation. Upon said termination, Contractor shall be paid the compensation due for all services rendered through the date of termination including any retainage.

11. TERMINATION BY MPS - BREACH BY CONTRACTOR

If Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or violates any of its provisions, MPS shall thereupon have the right to terminate it by giving five (5) days written notice before the effective date of termination of the Contract, specifying the alleged violations, and effective date of termination. The Contract shall not be terminated if, upon receipt of the notice, Contractor promptly cures the alleged violation with five (5) days. In the event of termination, MPS will only be liable for services rendered through the date of termination and not for the uncompleted portion, or for any materials or services purchased or paid for by Contractor for use in completing the Contract.

12. TERMINATION BY MPS

MPS further reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time for any reason by giving Contractor written notice by Registered or Certified Mail of such termination. MPS will attempt to give Contractor 20 days' notice, but reserves the right to give immediate notice. In the event of said termination, Contractor shall reduce its activities hereunder, as mutually agreed to, upon receipt of said notice. Upon said termination, Contractor shall be paid for all services rendered through the date of termination, including any retainage. This section also applies should the Milwaukee Board of School Directors fail to appropriate additional monies required for the completion of the Contract.

13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor agrees and stipulates that in performing this Contract, it is acting as an Independent Contractor, and that no relationship of employer and employee, partnership or joint venture is created by this Contract. Contractor has exclusive control over work hours, location, and other details of such services, and MPS's sole interest is to ensure that said service shall be performed and rendered in a competent, safe, efficient, timely and satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

Contractor has the sole obligation to provide for and pay any contribution or taxes required by federal, state or local authorities imposed on or measured by income. Contractor specifically covenant not to file any complaint, charge, or claim with any local, state or federal agency or court in which Contractor claims to be or to have been an employee of MPS during the period of time covered by this Contract and that if any such agency or court assumes jurisdiction of any complaint, charge or claim against MPS on Contractor's behalf, Contractor will request such agency or court to dismiss such matter. MPS shall not be charged any obligation or responsibility whatsoever of extending any fringe benefits which may be extended to MPS employees, including any insurance, or pension plans.

Contractor further agrees that MPS is not to be charged with the obligation or responsibility of extending any fringe benefits such as hospital, medical and life insurance, or pension plans which may be extended to employees of MPS from time-to-time and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless MPS and all its employees, officers and agents from any liability for personal injuries, including death, or for damage to or loss of personal property, which might occur as a result of the performance of the services provided for under this Contract.

14. ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns; provided, however, that neither party shall assign its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other.

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15. PROHIBITED PRACTICES

- A. Contractor during the period of this Contract shall not hire, retain or use for compensation any member, officer, or employee of MPS to perform services under this Contract, or any other person who, to the knowledge of Contractor, has a conflict of interest.
- B. Contractor hereby attests it is familiar with MPS's Code of Ethics, providing in pertinent part, "[a]n employee of Milwaukee Public Schools may not accept any gift or gratuity in excess of \$25.00 annually from any person, persons, group or any firm which does business with or is attempting to do business with MPS."
- C. No person may enter into this Contract for services that the MPS employee would otherwise perform as an employee.
- D. No current or former MPS employee may perform services on a professional services contract without the prior written consent of the MPS Chief Human Capital Officer or his/her designee.
- E. If the Contract is for apparel for \$5,000.00 or more, the Contractor agrees to provide only items manufactured by responsible manufacturers. Contractor is required to include a similar provision in all subcontracts to this Contract.

16. LIVING WAGE REQUIREMENT

Contractor shall comply with, and ensure its subcontractors performing work under this Contract comply with, Milwaukee Board of School Directors' Administrative Policy 3.09(17), which requires that employees be paid a "living wage."

17. NOTICES

Notices to either party provided for in this Contract shall be sufficient if sent by Certified or Registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the signatories on this Contract, or to their designees.

18. WAIVER

The waiver or failure of either Party to exercise in any respect any rights provided for in this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any further right under this Contract.

19. INTEGRATION / SEVERABILITY

This Contract and its exhibits and addenda, if any, RFP 1032 and Contractor's Response to RFP 1032, constitute the entire Contract among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior proposals, negotiations, conversations, discussions and Contracts among the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No amendment or modification of any provision of this Contract shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.

The District shall not be bound by any terms and conditions included in of Contractor's packaging, service catalog, brochure, technical data sheet or other document which attempts to impose any conditions at variance with or in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein.

If any term or provision of this Contract should be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law, the remaining terms and provisions of this Contract shall be interpreted as if such invalid Contracts or covenants were not contained herein.

20. CHOICE OF LAW & FORUM

The state courts of Wisconsin shall be the sole forum for all disputes arising of this Contract. The validity, construction, enforcement and effect of this Contract shall be governed solely by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

21. TIMING

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

22. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION

Contractor certifies that neither Contractor or its principals; its subcontractors or their principals; the sub-recipients (if applicable) or their principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, or otherwise disqualified by any federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government pursuant to Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. Contractor specifically covenants that neither the Contractor or its principals, its sub-contractors or their

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principals, or the sub-recipients (if applicable) or their principals are included on the Excluded Parties List System ("EPLS") maintained by the General Services Administration ("GSA").

23. FORCE MAJEURE

MPS will not be liable to pay Contractor for any work that the Contractor is unable to perform due to act of God, riot, war, civil unrest, flood, earthquake, outbreak of contagious disease or other cause beyond MPS's reasonable control (including any mechanical, electronic, or communications failure, but excluding failure caused by a party's financial condition or negligence).

24. STUDENT DATA

Contractor acknowledges that student data is protected by both federal and state law. See Wis. Stat. § 118.125; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 *et seq.* If MPS determines that Contractor has disclosed any student record information in violation of either federal or state law, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies the MPS may have, MPS shall be entitled to immediately terminate this and every other existing Contract without further liability. Moreover, MPS may bar Contractor from future MPS contracts for varying periods up to and including permanent debarment.

25. NON-DISCLOSURE

Absent prior written consent of the person listed in Section 3 or his/her designee, Contractor shall not: (1) disclose, publish, or disseminate any information, not a matter of public record, that is received by reason of this Contract, regardless of whether the Contractor is or is not under contract at the time of the disclosure; or (2) disclose, publish, or disseminate any information developed for MPS under this Contract. Contractor agrees to take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unauthorized use, disclosure, publication, or dissemination of the same information.

All information and any derivatives thereof, whether created by MPS or Contractor under this Contract remains the property of MPS and no license or other rights to such information is granted or implied hereby. For purposes of this Contract, "derivatives" shall mean: (i) for copyrightable or copyrighted material, any translation, abridgment, revision, or other form in which an existing work may be recast, transformed, or adapted; and (ii) for patentable or patented material, any improvement thereon.

Within ten business days of the earlier of receipt of MPS' written or oral request, or final payment, Contractor will return all documents, records, and copies thereof if obtained during the development of the work product covered by this Contract.

26. MPS LOGO/PUBLICITY

No Contractor shall use the MPS Logo in its literature or issue a press release about the subject of this Contract without prior written notice to and written approval of MPS's Executive Director of Communications & Outreach.

27. ORDER OF PRIORITY

In the event of a conflict among the documents constituting this Contract, the order of priority to resolve the conflict shall be: 1) this Contract; 2) RFP 1032 (including all exhibits and addenda); and 3) Contractor's Response to RFP 1032.

28. PUBLIC RECORDS

Both parties understand that the Board is bound by the Wisconsin Public Records Law, and as such, all of the terms of this Contract are subject to and conditioned on the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.21, *et seq.* Contractor acknowledges that it is obligated to assist the Board in retaining and producing records that are subject to Wisconsin Public Records Law, and that the failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and that the Contractor must defend and hold the Board harmless from liability under the law. Except as otherwise authorized, those records shall be maintained for a period of seven years after receipt of final payment under this Contract.

29. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT

The HUB requirement on this Contract is 0%. The student engagement requirement of this Contract is 0 hours. The Career Education requirement for this Contract is 0 hours. Failure to achieve these requirements may result in the application of some or all of the sanctions set forth in Administrative Policy 3.10, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties here to have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR (Vendor #: V001954)
Ed Tech Strategies, LLC

MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

By: *Bridget A. Schatz*

By: *Mark Kutt*

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Authorized Representative

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Chief Financial Officer

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Date: 1-12-21
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Superintendent of Schools

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Budget Code: PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL

Date: 1/20/21
By: [Signature]
Larry Miller, President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors

Reviewed by Risk Management:

By: [Signature]

Date: 1/21/21
Date: 1-27-2021