

**(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**

*This item initiated by the Administration.*

**ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following professional services contracts:

**Cooperative Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Purchase Order with School Specialty, LLC. for Furniture, Installation, and Related Services**

The Administration requests authorization to extend a blanket agreement with School Specialty, Inc., (“School Specialty) for furniture, classroom instructional solutions, and school supplies for school purchasing across the District

This contract is being extended pursuant to the cooperative agreement Omnia Partners Contract R191815.

The benefits afforded under this cooperative blanket agreement shall include:

- 35% off list price for supply items;
- 14% off list price on individual furniture, equipment, and AV tech\*
- Multiple tiered discounts off list price on furniture incorporated herein as Attachment One;
- Free shipping on orders of \$49.00 or more for supply items;

The contract will run from October 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 and the total cost of the contract will not exceed \$500,000.00.

Budget Code:

000-0-0-000-BL-ETCS..... \$500,000.00

**School Specialty, LLC.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

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

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

**Cooperative Authorization to Issue a Contract to Campus Kaizen LLC for Use of Guardian Software and Services.**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with **Campus Kaizen LLC** for use of Guardian software and services as they relate to Title IX case management. Contractor will serve as the host for the online application of Guardian, central repository of an all-district Title IX cases, develop a workflow for case management and an interface with existing district technology platforms relative to Title IX compliance.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX): protects individuals from discrimination based on sex and gender in programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX applies to Milwaukee Public Schools, which includes all of its schools, educational programs, and activities. The new regulations strengthen the requirements for adopting and publishing non-discrimination and grievance procedures. The new regulations, effective August 1, 2024 were enacted requiring recipients of federal funding to maintain records for seven years.

Implementation of the new regulations will result in an increased number of cases being reported. The Guardian platform will allow streamlining of the intake process for complaints, track workflow for each individual case, ensure that the district is in compliance with the 2024 regulations.

Campus Kaizen LLC will customize their platform for district use to meet MPS branding specifications, and train essential district staff on how to use the software.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of the George Mason University Cooperative Agreement GMU-1547-19.

The contract will run from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, and the total cost of the contract will not exceed \$62,075.00.

**Budget Code:**

SSV-0-0-SDS-SN-ECTS..... \$62,075.00

**Campus Kaizen LLC**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

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

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

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

**RFP 1140 Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Contract with Proximity Learning, Inc. for Online Interactive Learning Course System for World Languages Grades K-12**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Proximity Learning, Inc. (“Proximity”) for a vendor-hosted virtual Online Interactive Learning Course System for World Languages for grades K-12. Proximity will be utilized to deliver services for at least the following languages: American Sign Language (ASL); Chinese/Mandarin; French; German and Spanish to a maximum estimated 11,000 students throughout the district during the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years.

For the purposes of direct-to-student online courses with provision of layered levels of support for each course such as teacher-to-student, student-to-teacher, student-to-student, teacher-to-teacher and teacher-to-paraprofessional interaction, MPS requires a qualified and developed self-learning vendor-hosted Online Interactive Learning Course System for World Languages for grade bands K-12. All courses will be administered by a Licensed Content Certified Instructor. MPS seeks online interactive World Language courses due to changes in graduation requirements and as part of the Strategic Plan.

Proximity was chosen pursuant to RFP 1140, which closed on July 25, 2024. The contract will run from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. The total cost of the three-year

contract is \$3,000,000. The total cost of the contract each year will not exceed \$1,000,000.

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-0-INV-DW-ECTS.....\$3,000,000.00

**Proximity Learning, Inc.**

**PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Certified HUB Vendor?.....No  
Total # of Employees.....950  
Total # of Minorities.....285  
Total # of Women.....779

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....5%  
Proposed .....5%  
\$ Value .....\$2000,000

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

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS  
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

**Cooperative**

**Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc., for Lease and Purchase of Copiers/Multifunction Device Equipment and Related Maintenance**

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a blanket agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc., to provide copiers/multifunction device equipment, and associated maintenance to all MPS schools and departments under the State of Wisconsin's Contract #505ENT-M25-MFDCOPIER-01 Participating Addendum to a Western States Contracting Alliance–National Association of State Procurement Officials Master Agreement.

This blanket agreement will run from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, and will not exceed \$2,500,000.

**Budget Code:**

Various School/Department Budgets.....\$2,500,000.00

**Ricoh USA, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

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

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

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

**Cooperative**

**Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. for Administration of the Workers' Compensation Program**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. for workers' compensation services. Contractor will be used to deliver third-party administration of the district's self-insured workers' compensation program. Gallagher Bassett has been the third-party administrator for several years.

The contract is being issued under the CoProcure cooperative agreement 7161804REN1.

The contract will run from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and will not exceed \$248,529.00.

**Budget Code:**

INJ-0-0-DIJ-DW-EWCM.....(Contracted Services)..... \$248,529.09

**Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.**

**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