

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

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 Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (CESA #9)/Wisconsin Virtual School for the Provision of Virtual Program/School

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (CESA #9)/ Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) for the provision of equitably-accessible, high-quality online educational options, courses, and services for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and its students for use in an MPS virtual program/school. Contractor will be used to deliver online education courses in grades 6 through 12 as well as advanced-placement credit-recovery courses that align with Wisconsin State Standards. Contractor will utilize staff that hold appropriate teachers' licenses from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the subject area and grade level of each online education course. Contractor will also be used to provide guidance and training for MPS administration and staff to teach courses and to further develop and operate the MPS virtual program and school.

This contract is in response to, and in alignment with, the Board's approval of the Administration's regional development plan on July 26, 2018, which directed establishing a MPS virtual school to begin effective with the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

WVS, which has been operated out of CESA #9 since 2000, is the state-led online and blended-learning supplemental program that partners with school districts throughout Wisconsin to offer online courses to middle- and high-school students. WVS has an agreement with DPI to provide online courses and services to Wisconsin schools as a partner in the Wisconsin Digital Learning Collaborative (WDLC), consists of two collaborating organizations, WVS and the Wisconsin eSchool Network. These two organizations partner with DPI to provide a single point for schools to access quality online courses. Combined, the programs provide partnership pathways for schools to provide a variety of online and blended-learning opportunities. WVS provides high-quality, media-rich online courses that meet Wisconsin and national standards and are taught by instructors holding appropriate Wisconsin DPI licensing. WVS also offers assistance and training to districts in developing their own virtual programs. As such, WVS is uniquely situated to provide the services requested by MPS.

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 considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend. This will be the first extension of this contract.

This contract extension will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$531,000.

Budget Code:

GOE-0-I-4H0-DW-ECTV.....(Contract Services).....\$531,000

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

ProposedNA%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 200 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board for SpringBoard Materials and Professional Development

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board (“College Board”) to provide professional development for its SpringBoard curriculum product in addition to the continued implementation and expansion of SpringBoard and the Advanced Placement (AP) initiative in MPS. The student materials and teacher institutes and workshops provide skills, strategies, and materials needed to be successful in AP as either a student or teacher. Since 2016, SpringBoard materials, workshops, and resources have been provided to approximately 120 teachers and 6,000 students. Next year, it is anticipated over 180 teachers; over 8,000 students in mathematics; and over 7,000 students in English Language Arts will participate in SpringBoard.

College Board is the only contractor authorized to offer professional development around SpringBoard. 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 considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

For the 2019-2020 school year, continuing SpringBoard support in Mathematics and/or English Language Arts will be provided to participating schools: Audubon Middle and High School; Bay View High School; Golda Meir Middle and High School; Hamilton High School; Hartford Middle Grades; Humboldt Park Middle Grades; Madison Academic Campus; Milwaukee School of Languages Middle and High School; Morse Middle School; Marshall High School; Vincent High School; Green Tree Preparatory Academy (formerly Webster); and Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning. The SpringBoard program will be offered to students in grades six through twelve at these participating schools in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Currently, all high schools listed above offer Advanced Placement courses for students.

The contract will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, (the “Initial Term”), with two additional one-year options to extend based upon mutual agreement.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$600,000.

Budget Code(s):

ENG-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction – Contract Services).....\$200,000

MTH-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction – Contract Services).....\$200,000

SDV-0-S-SBD-CI-ECTS...(Professional Development – Contract Services)...\$200,000

College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board

HUB PARTICIPATION

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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-month contract
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 Hours/12-month contract

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 enter into a contract with United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (UW) to provide services in the development and implementation of the Community Schools model. The schools to be serviced under this contract in the 2019-20 school year are: Auer Avenue School; Hopkins-Lloyd School; Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School; James Madison Academic Campus; Lincoln Avenue School; Browning School; South Division High School; Longfellow; Westside Academy, and one additional school which shall be determined at a later date.

Community Schools are a strategy to better engage and align resources centered on the self-identified, real-time needs of communities. This strategy places the focus on the whole child, with the understanding that a child belongs to a family, and that family lives and interacts within a larger community. UW will serve in two capacities pursuant to this contract: 1) as a co-backbone partner for the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership (MCSP), and 2) as a lead agency for schools within the MCSP that do not otherwise have a lead agency designated.

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 considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend. This second extension will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The total cost of the extension term will not exceed \$440,250. These funds do not cover the full cost of the project; MPS and UW will partner to apply for relevant government, foundation and corporate support. The increase to the annual compensation in this extension year is due to the addition of two schools that will be receiving services.

Budget Codes:

SDV-0-S-1T0-LS-ECTS.....(Title I School Improvement – Contract Services).....\$360,250
SDV-H-S-3D0-SD-ECTS.....(Title I High Needs Schools – Contract Services).....\$80,000

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

HUB PARTICIPATION

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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Truescreen, Inc., for Criminal Background Screenings

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Truescreen, Inc., (“Truescreen”) to provide continued criminal background screening for applicants, student teacher/field placement students, volunteers, and vendors.

Truescreen was originally chosen pursuant to RFP 796 which closed on August 21, 2012. This vendor received the highest overall score in the RFP process. The initial contract with Truescreen commenced on May 1, 2013 and expired on June 30, 2018. A contract was approved for 2018-19 on the basis of continuity pursuant to Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv). The first contract extension is now needed. The services provided by Truescreen have increased capacity, efficiency and accuracy in processing criminal background checks. Truescreen conducts a nationwide search and a sex offender search.

The District has and will continue to absorb the cost of criminal background checks on applicants for employment with the district and volunteers. Currently, the District bills colleges/universities and vendors for background checks conducted.

This contract will also include the integration of Truescreen’s web-based platform with the District’s applicant tracking system so that criminal background checks can be requested with little to no manual intervention.

The budget for this service is based upon the cost of services provided by Truescreen and the estimated annual number of criminal background checks for applicants and volunteers for FY20. The budget does not include cost of background checks billed directly to the vendor or college/university by Truescreen.

This first contract extension will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The total cost of the extension term will not exceed \$399,620.

Budget Code:

BGC-0-0-EMB-HR-ECTS.....(Employment Benefits – Contract Services).....\$399,620

Truescreen, Inc.
HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
ProposedN/A
\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Urban Ecology Center, Inc., for Provision of Field Trips and Environmental Educational Activities

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Urban Ecology Center, Inc. (“UEC”) to provide field trips and environmental educational activities and services to participating schools within the District.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process conducted by the Department of Procurement and Risk Management for this contract is on the basis of unique

design of the services provided by UEC pursuant to Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(vii). UEC offers a package of field trips, (including transportation), to schools within two miles of any of their three centers in Riverside Park, the Menomonee Valley and Washington Park. The Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP) is based on research that shows consistent contact with a piece of land from a young age is vital to becoming an environmentally literate adult. The field trips are offered to students from grades K3 - 12 and are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

MPS has been in partnership with UEC and has participated in NEEP since 1999. The project has grown from approximately 8 MPS schools to an anticipated 38 schools for the 19/20 school year, 40 schools during the 20/21 school year and 42 schools in the 21/22 school year.

The contract will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$620,160.

Budget Code:

Varies by location using services.....\$620,160

Urban Ecology Center, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 900 HOURS/36-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/36-mo contract

State Contract CFD0407 Authorization to Extend a Contract with Language Line Services, Inc., for Phone and Video Interpreting Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Language Line Services, Inc. ("Language Line") for phone and video interpreting services. This contractor provides foreign language interpretation services over the phone and video remote interpreting for all schools and departments within the MPS system.

These services are necessary to comply with federal and state regulations regarding equal access to education, Title VI and Title XIX, as well as the language access requirements set forth by the Office of Refugees.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process conducted by the Department of Procurement and Risk Management for this contract is on the basis of purchasing through an existing state contract which was competitively bid (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(a)).

The contractor was chosen pursuant to Wisconsin State Contract CFD0407. The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics were met. Language Line met the performance metrics codified in the contract; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This second contract extension will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$75,000.

Budget Code:

OGA-0-0-SSF-CI-ECTS.....(School Special Funds – Contract Services).....\$75,000

Language Line Services, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Teach for America, Inc., for Teacher Candidates

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Teach for America, Inc., (“TFA”) for highly qualified educator services. Contractor will be used to deliver up to 49 teachers annually, for the 2019 – 2020 school year, which can be extended for two additional one-year periods.

TFA offers a diverse group of teacher candidates pursuing post-baccalaureate certification an opportunity to work with the focus on urban youth throughout the Milwaukee area. TFA provides the candidates with continuing support, professional development opportunities and counseling above the services offered by MPS. Students accepted into TFA have a strong foundation for teaching our youth once they have completed the program.

The partnership with TFA has become increasingly important as the number of teacher candidates from traditional sources has been steadily decreasing.

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

Traditionally, contracts under \$50,000 annually are not brought forward to the Board for approval by the Administration. However, due to the Board’s interest in this contract, the Administration is bringing it to the Board for approval.

The contract will run from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, (the “Initial Term”) with two additional one-year options to extend.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$49,000.

Budget Code:

RCR-0-0-STF-HR-ECTS.....(Recruitment – Contract Services).....\$49,000

Teach for America, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

RequiredNA%
ProposedNA%
\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: NA HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: NA HOURS/12-mo contract