

(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 the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to Provide College Courses Leading to Transferrable College Credits for MPS High School Students through M³ College Program

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (“UWM”) to serve the MPS 2020-21 senior class through provision of college courses leading to transferrable college credits for MPS high school students through the M³ College Program.

This contract is for the M³ College Program. The M³ College Program is an innovative dual enrollment program between MPS, Milwaukee Area Technical College (“MATC”), and UWM that allows eligible students to complete their high school graduation requirements while earning up to twenty college credits from both MATC and UWM. This contract is for students to take six of those credits at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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)).

This second and final contract extension will run from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$150,000.

Budget Code:

ORC-0-0-ESV-EO-ECTS...(Contract Services - College & Career Readiness)...\$150,000

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Milwaukee Area Technical College to Provide College Courses Leading to Transferrable College Credits for MPS High School Students through the M³ College Program

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Milwaukee Area Technical College (“MATC”) to serve the MPS juniors and seniors through provision of college courses leading to transferrable college credits for MPS high school students through the M³ College Program.

This contract is for M³ College Program. The M³ College Program is an innovative dual enrollment program between MPS, MATC, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (“UWM”) that allows eligible students to complete their high school graduation requirements while earning up to 20 college credits from both MATC and UWM. This contract is for students to take 14 of those credits at Milwaukee Area Technical College during their senior year of high school.

Up to 100 MPS students will attend classes at the MATC Downtown Campus four times a week (Monday through Thursday) and be working to earn up to seven college credits the first semester and another six the second semester. The students will be taking classes in core subject areas such as English and Math.

Additionally, up to 64 MPS students (juniors and seniors) will attend classes at MATC and be working toward gaining a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) certification, earning up to sixteen college credits in the 2021-22 school year.

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 upon mutual consent. This will be the second option year for the contract.

This second and final contract extension will run from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$525,000.

Budget Code:

ORC-0-0-ESV-EO-ECTS...(College & Career Readiness – Contract Services)...\$525,000

Milwaukee Area Technical College

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0

Exception Authorization to Enter into 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 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. WVS will be used to deliver online education courses in grades 6 through 12 as well as advanced-placement and credit-recovery courses that align with Wisconsin State Standards. WVS 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 second semester of the 2018-19 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)).

This contract will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The total cost of the contract in this initial term will not exceed \$350,000

Budget Codes:

Title ID GOE-0-I-1T2-SM-ECTV.....\$350,000

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (CESA #9)/Wisconsin Virtual School

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required.....0%

Proposed.....0%

\$ Value.....N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 200 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS