

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

*This item is 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 First Stage Milwaukee, Inc. dba First Stage for Field Trips and Arts and Theater Workshops**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with First Stage Milwaukee, Inc. dba First Stage for field trips and arts and theater workshops services. This contractor provides field trip packages, Arts Integrated Workshops, Theater Skills Workshops, and Storytelling Events.

All activities are rooted in Wisconsin and National Common Core Standards and incorporate developmentally appropriate ELA and social/emotional learning topics.

This will be the first and final extension of this contract.

The original contract ran from November 20, 2023 through November 19, 2024. This contract extension will run from November 20, 2024 through November 19, 2026 (Years 2 and 3) and will not exceed \$150,000.

**Budget Code:**

00000000BL-ECTS..... (budget code varies by purchase) .....\$150,000.00

**First Stage Milwaukee, Inc. dba First Stage 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 Contract with Neola Inc for Board Support Services**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Neola Inc for board support services. Contractor will be used to support the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and School Administration to develop, update, and publish the district’s policies and procedures to align to statutory requirements and provide guidance for district operations.

Contractor will provide thorough policy and guideline updates to help the District establish and maintain legally compliant policies. In addition, Contractor will ensure compliance with federal and state laws, customize policy solutions tailored to the specific needs of the District, streamline policy development process quickly and efficiently, and ensure that policies are implemented consistently across the District.

The Exception to Bid has been granted on the basis of delivery date (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(E)(1)(b)(vii)). This vendor is able to meet the requirements of the District

within our timeframe. Eighty percent of districts in Wisconsin use Neola for their policy support services. Their familiarity with our District's requirements further supports their ability to meet our needs.

The contract will run from December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2026, (the "Initial Term"), with one additional one-year option to extend if certain performance metrics incorporated into the contract are met.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$125,000.

**Budget Code:**

ADT-0-0-OBG-OB-ECTS....(Board Governance contacted services)..... \$125,000.00

**Neola 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

**Exception**

**Authorization to Contract with TBEY Arts Center, Inc. for Dance Based Educational Program at Lincoln Middle School**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with TBEY Arts Center, Inc. for dance based educational program with the focus of teaching a comprehensive understanding of dance as both an art form and a means of self-expression. The program shall also incorporate various dance styles, techniques, and cultural influences, fostering creativity, discipline, and a love for the arts.

Each class shall include up to (20) twenty 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Lincoln Middle School and be held Monday through Friday of each week.

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 contract will run from November 1, 2024 through June 13, 2025, and the total cost will not exceed \$91,000.00

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-S-BDM-LN-ECTS..... \$91,000.00

**TBEY Arts Center, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ Value .....NA

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

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS