

(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 Issue a Contract with Arts at Large, Inc for Music Teacher Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a contract with Arts at Large, Inc for music teacher services. The contractor will be used to deliver music content to 83 high school students. Due to music teacher vacancies, this program will deliver musical theory and other related musical content with the goal of bringing performances to Washington High school from the music content.

Washington High School requires this content and instructors from Contractor to help create meaningful music classes that will be impactful for the students.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process has been granted based on continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv).

The contract will run from January 2, 2024, through May 21, 2024, and will not exceed \$63,275.76.

Budget Code:

MUS-H-I-AMP-IT-ECTS..... (Music Contract)..... \$63,275.76

Arts at Large, Inc

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with College Entrance Examination Board dba College Board, to Provide Advanced Placement Assessments

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the College Entrance Examination Board dba College Board for Advanced Placement (AP) assessments. College Board is the sole source provider of the AP exams taken by a projected 2,300 students in Milwaukee Public Schools.

College Board will provide and deliver to participating Milwaukee high schools the number of standard national AP exams ordered by students in up to 36 subject areas. College Board shall provide each school's AP coordinator, AP teachers, and designated school/district administrator access to the AP Online Score Reports and MyAP websites by the first week of August in each contract year. College Board will provide each student with his/her score results for all AP exams taken in electronic form no later than July 20th of each contract year. The district collects test fees from students that are not economically disadvantaged and pays the fees for all students that are identified as economically disadvantaged. This contract would cover the 2023-24 school year.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind status, since there is no alternative contractor (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

This contract will run from November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024 (the "Initial Term"), with two additional one-year options to extend upon mutual consent. The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$250,000.

Budget Code:

SYS-0-0-AMT-RH-ECTS..... (Contract Services)\$250,000.00

College Entrance Examination Board dba College Board

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ 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 Extend a Contract with Smart Interpreting Services, Inc DBA Professional Interpreting Enterprise for Interpretation Services for Hard of Hearing Students and Staff

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Smart Interpreting Services, Inc DBA Professional Interpreting Enterprise for interpretation services for hard of hearing and deaf students and staff.

The grade level of the students may be from K3 to twelfth grade. The students will have varied proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL). Interpretation services may be needed for classroom instruction as well as after school activities, such as sporting activities, after school programs, and other similar programs. In addition, interpreters may be needed to accompany students on field trips. Interpretation services will be needed for adults who participate in activities sponsored by MPS as well as staff who work for MPS. Activities may include but are not limited to individualized education plan (IEP) meetings, parent/teacher conferences, school performances, and graduation ceremonies.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MPS is required to provide interpretation services to any individual who utilizes sign language as their primary mode of communication for any school activity or individual conference at which the parent is present. The State of Wisconsin Department of Regulations and Licensing (DRL) requires interpreters to have a DRL license to interpret for adults who are deaf or hard of hearing in school settings.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of unique design (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(vi)). This vendor can meet the capacity needed for MPS staff, as we request two to three, in person sign language interpreters each week for adults.

The initial term of the contract ran from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The first contract extension ran from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. This second and final extension will run from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and will not exceed \$500,000.

Budget Code:

HI2-0-I-EEN-DW-ECTS... (Interpreting Services - Contract Services)\$500,000.00

Smart Interpreting Services, Inc dba Professional Interpreting Enterprise

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month period)

Paid Student Employment-Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS

Student Career-Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception

Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Savvas Learning Company LLC for Professional Development Services for All Staff in Six MPS High Schools

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Savvas Learning Company LLC for professional development services for all staff in six MPS high schools.

Six MPS high schools (Bay View, Hamilton, Madison, Marshall, Milwaukee School of Languages, and Vincent) were using an approved alternative to the district adopted ninth and tenth grade English textbook adoption resources. Schools have now received MPS district adopted textbooks, textbook resources, teacher resources, and digital resources for grades nine and ten. Savvas Learning Company LLC will provide in person and face to face professional development for all staff in these six high schools and for those in traditional schools with the 2017 version to learn how to best use these resources for students.

This 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 total cost of the purchase will not exceed \$76,800.00.

Budget Code:

SDV-0-S-9C4-CI-ECTS..... \$76,800.00

Savvas Learning Company LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS