

(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following contracts:

- RFP 1036 **Authorization to Modify Compensation on the Current Agreement with School Bus**
- RFP 1050 **Contractors for Yellow Bus Transportation Services for Students**

The Administration requests authorization to modify the compensation agreement for current school bus contractors that service MPS as part of a strategy aimed at improving student transportation services for the remainder of fiscal year 2022 (FY22) and into FY23.

Since the start of FY22, a significant inflation rate increase and the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate the bus driver shortage. School Transportation News estimates that 80% of school districts and bus companies are experiencing a driver shortage. The increased cost on bussing companies threatens unsustainable operational losses that contractors cannot absorb without addressing through a collaborative approach.

As such, the Administration is now requesting a modification that assists bus companies in meeting or exceeding their bus quota driven exclusively for servicing MPS.

The addendum is for a term of March 25, 2022 – June 30, 2022 and would not exceed \$1,755,000.

Budget Code:

AST00TRSDW -EPPT (Contracted Services)\$1,755,000

Contractor	Amount
Durham School Services LP* When first brought in April 2021, this vendor was known National Express Holding Corporation dba Durham School Services LP. They are now know as Durham Schools Services LP	\$260,000
First Student, Inc.	\$400,000
Lakeside Buses of Wisconsin, Inc.	\$400,000
Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.	\$200,000
North American Central School Bus Intermediate Holding Company LLC dba Illinois Central School Bus LLC	\$400,000
Specialized Care Transport, Inc.	\$95,000

Durham School Services LP

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO
 Total # of Employees 18,541
 Total # of Minorities 8,429

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Total # of Women 11,417

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required5%

Proposed5%

\$ ValueTBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment: 600

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20

First Student, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO

Total # of Employees48,000

Total # of Minorities21,000

Total # of Women27,000

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 5%

Proposed 5%

\$ ValueTBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment: 600

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20

Lakeside Buses of Wisconsin, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO

Total # of Employees445

Total # of Minorities425

Total # of Women313

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 5%

Proposed 5%

\$ Value TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment: 600

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20

Lamers Bus Lines, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO

Total # of Employees1,681

Total # of Minorities141

Total # of Women634

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 5%

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**North American Central School Bus Intermediate Holding Company
LLC dba Illinois Central School Bus LLC**

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Certified HUB Vendor? NO
Total # of Employees4,385
Total # of Minorities1,949.
Total # of Women2,537

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 5%
Proposed 5%
\$ Value TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment: 600
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20

Specialized Care Transit, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO
Total # of Employees43
Total # of Minorities37
Total # of Women28

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 5%
Proposed 5%
\$ Value TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment: 600
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