

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

This item initiated by the Administration.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following professional services contracts:

RFP 898 Authorization to Extend a Contract with EdTech Strategies, LLC, for E-Rate Consulting Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with EdTech Strategies, LLC, (“EdTech”) for E-Rate consulting services. The E-Rate program is a Federal program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company under the direction of the FCC to provide funding to schools and libraries to obtain broadband and related services. Given the stringent rules and regulations governing the E-Rate program, the District engages a consultant to advise on all aspects of the application process for E-Rate funding and the continuing obligations faced after funding is received. This consultation and advisement is needed to continue the District’s successful participation in this program from 2003 through 2019, MPS has received funding commitments of over \$88 million dollars from this program.

EdTech was selected through an open competitive procurement, RFP 898, which closed on August 10, 2015. The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement. Given EdTech’s extensive knowledge of the District’s internal processes and procedures regarding E-Rate and the associated financial risk of switching to a new consultant, in April 2018, the Board extended the contract for an additional year (October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019) with the possibility of an additional one-year term thereafter. MPS is exercising the fourth and final option year for the contract.

This contract extension will run from October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$282,460.

Budget Code:

TSV-0-0-TEC-TC-ECTS.....(Purchased Services –Contract Services)\$282,460

EdTech Strategies, LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 hours

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 hours

RFP 1018 Authorization to Contract with Fun Science, Inc., d/b/a Mad Science of Milwaukee, Inc., for Science Workshops and Educational Programs

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Fun Science, Inc., d/b/a Mad Science of Milwaukee (“Mad Science”) for science workshops and educational programs for grades K-8. Mad Science’s workshops and educational programs will complement MPS’s science curriculum and conform to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Mad Science was chosen pursuant to RFP 1018, which closed on July 31, 2019. The blanket

contract will run from October 1, 2019, through August 31, 2022. Continuation of the blanket contract is contingent on Mad Science's adherence to NGSS and satisfaction of district staff and participants.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$200,000.

Budget Code:

Varies by location using services.....\$200,000

Fun Science, Inc. d/b/a Mad Science of Milwaukee, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor?No

Total # of Employees20

Total # of Minorities3

Total # of Women12

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 hours per 35-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 hours per 35-month contract