

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

*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 Brink’s, Incorporated for Armored Car Services for all MPS Schools**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Brink’s, Incorporated to provide armored car services for all MPS Schools.

Brink’s, Incorporated will be required to pick up sealed deposits of money, checks or other securities, sign for their receipt at each school and deliver the deposits to local MPS-designated banks.

The Department of Procurement issued RFP 1073 which closed on April 12, 2022 with one respondent received. The sole respondent quoted five times the cost of what we currently pay for these services. The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement. This will be the First extension of this contract.

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 original contract ran from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This contract extension (Year 2) will run from September 29, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

The total cost of the contract in Year 2 will not exceed \$125,000.

**Budget Code:**

FSC-0-0-SOS-FN-ECTS.....\$125,000

**Brink’s, Incorporated**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....NA

Proposed .....NA

\$ Value .....NA

**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 Charter Communications Holdings LLC DBA Charter Communications Operating LLC for Telephone Communication Services**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Charter Communications Holdings LLC DBA Charter Communications Operating LLC for Telephone Communication Services. Contractor will be used to provide 480 concurrent call paths for all district inbound and outbound telephone communication, and to provide 105,000 monthly minutes of usage for long distance and local calls.

These services are necessary to support the over 20,000 telephone numbers the district uses in all schools and departments to make and receive telephone calls internally and externally.

The exception to bid has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The original contract ran from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The contract extension will run from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 (Years 2 and 3). The total cost of the contract in Years 2 and 3 will not exceed \$199,200.

**Budget Code:**

PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL.....(Technology....Contracted Services)..... \$199,200.00

**Charter Communications Holdings LLC**

**DBA Charter Communications Operating LLC**

**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 Enter into a Contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc., to Provide Career Awareness and Work-based Learning Experiences**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc. ("GPS") to provide career awareness and work-based learning services during the first and second semesters of the 2023-2024 school year at Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education, Bay View High School, Harold S. Vincent High School, and Washington High School of Information Technology (WHS).

GPS will facilitate career awareness and exposure opportunities for approximately 480 MPS tenth and eleventh-grade students, and arrange work-based learning for a minimum of 48 tenth through twelfth-grade students. These services include career awareness/exposure activities, such as in-person career conversations with local employers; work-readiness opportunities, such as job shadows and interactive site tours; and student internships and youth apprenticeship programming.

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)). This contract will run from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$60,000.

**Budget Code:**

GOE-0-S-CA4-EO-ECTV.....(General School-Contract Services).....\$60,000

**GPS Education Partners, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ 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 Enter into a Contract with Parallel Employment Group, Inc. to Provide Support Staff to MPS Schools**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Parallel Employment Group, Inc. to provide bachelor degreed substitute teachers and paraprofessionals to support school-based staff for schools that have vacancies.

This is part of the strategy of the Office of Human Resources to ensure schools have appropriate staff to operate efficiently and to support teaching and learning in all schools.

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)(b)(iv)).

The contract will run from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and will not exceed \$2,000,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-I-BDL-DW-ECTS..... \$2,000,000.00

**Parallel Employment Group, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ 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 Enter into a Contract with Ref Call Something, LLC for Basketball Officials for Milwaukee Recreation Elementary and Middle School Leagues**

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a contract with Ref Call Something, LLC to provide basketball officials for Milwaukee Recreation elementary and middle school league regular season, tournament, and special event games.

Ref Call Something, LLC shall work with Milwaukee Recreation to fulfill the officiating assignments, assignment changes, and payments to officials for the MPS/Milwaukee Recreation Youth Sports fall and winter school-based basketball season. There will be a maximum of 691 games during the 2023-2024 season, and ninety percent of the officials must be WIAA-approved. Two officials will be assigned per regular season game and three officials per Final Four and Championship game.

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)). Ref Call Something, LLC has assigned officials for leagues in the past and, therefore, understands MPS' needs and will be able to supply the number of officials to run a successful season for our schools, students, and families.

This contract will run from October 1, 2023 through April 8, 2024 and will not exceed \$66,320.

**Budget Code:**

RYS-0-0-PRC-RC-ECTS.....\$66,320.00

**Ref Call Something, LLC**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....0

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (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 United Negro College Fund Inc for Empower Me Tour (EMT)©**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with The United Negro College Fund Inc (UNCF) Empower Me Tour (EMT)©. The United Negro College Fund Empower Me Tour is a free, in-person college fair with educational sessions and motivational speakers for MPS seniors. The UNCF EMT is a national series established to inspire and motivate high school students, college students and recent college graduates toward academic excellence, career success and personal responsibility. The UNCF is the only organization that is able to provide MPS students the opportunity to meet with its thirty-seven (37) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) that belong to the UNCF network of member institutions, along with local colleges, institutions, and universities at the Baird Center.

Hosted in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools, this year's EMT provides the opportunity for high school seniors to gain acceptance into undergraduate schools, earn scholarship funds and/or secure jobs and internships on location. Participants and parents/family attend a series of presentations, panels and interactive workshops offered through two distinct tracks—a college-readiness program and a career-readiness program—to help them get successfully to and through college and obtain meaningful employment thereafter.

On November 8, 2023, MPS parents will participate in an interactive session discussing ways to pay for college, understanding the admissions process, and seeing their students to and through college.

On November 9, 2023, MPS high school seniors will have the opportunity to experience the tour firsthand. The event will take place at the Baird Center. MPS students attending the UNCF Empower Me Tour also has a chance to qualify for the EMT Merit Scholarship. Students will submit their application on site and winners will be announced during the day of the tour.

The Exception to Bid has been approved on the basis of one-of-a-kind (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from November 8, 2023 through November 9, 2023 and will not exceed \$200,000.00.

**Budget Code:**  
 FLD-H-S-9Y4-EO-ECTS..... \$200,000.00

**United Negro College Fund Inc**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....NA  
 Proposed .....NA  
 \$ Value .....NA

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

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS  
 Student Career Awareness: 0 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership, Inc., to Enhance Teaching and Learning in Milwaukee Public Schools**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership, Inc. (“MEP”), to support MPS’s efforts to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in Milwaukee Public Schools. The broad initiative of the MEP is to ensure that every child in MPS is performing at or above grade level in reading, writing, mathematics and science through shared responsibility for student success. The framework for the initiative is a balanced, comprehensive literacy program that provides skills development across all curricular areas and focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking, deep thinking and research skills. Programmatic initiatives include teacher and administrator professional development as well as student character and academic skills enhancement.

The Board has supported the work of the Milwaukee Education Partnership from its inception and maintains an MEP representative.

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 original contract ran from October 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. The first extension had a term of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 (Year 2). The second and final extension will run from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 (Year 3) and will not exceed \$75,000.

**Budget Code:**  
 GSP-0-0-CTG-DW-ECTS ...(Contract Services).....\$75,000

**Milwaukee Education Partnership, Inc.**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
 Proposed .....0%  
 \$ Value .....N/A

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

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS  
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS