

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

*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 Issue a Purchase Order with The DBQ Company d/b/a The DBQ Project for Online Educational Materials**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a purchase order to The DBQ Company d/b/a The DBQ Project for Online Educational Materials. DBQ Project is a reading and writing platform that supports cross curricular integration. Students at all levels practice answering engaging historical questions while using reading and writing strategies. The paper version of DBQ projects have been widely used in MPS high schools for over 10 years and support college board strategies. The content has been updated and scaffolded to include 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and has moved to an interactive digital platform. Students are now taught at an early age on how to formulate an argument in writing while supporting with evidence. This process will accelerate student learning and is for all learning. Our high schools will receive the platform for three years and our elementary and middle schools will participate in a paid pilot the first year with renewal based on school usage.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind service (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(e)(1)(b)(ii)).

The purchase order will run from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2024 for high schools and September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, for elementary and middle schools.

The total cost of this order will not exceed \$164,362.50

**Budget Code:**

GSP-0-S-7G2-CI-ECTSCOVD..... \$164,362.50

**DBQ Online Subscription for Online Educational Materials**

**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: HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc., to provide Alternative Education Programming**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc., (“GPS”) to provide alternative education programming. The contractor will provide enrollment for up to thirty (30) MPS eleventh and twelfth grade students in the contractor’s fully immersive, work based educational GPSED Program. The program is a comprehensive education and career training program that utilizes the contractor’s partnerships with manufacturing businesses, as well as businesses from other high-demand sectors, to execute the program. Students who complete the program will earn a full high school diploma from MPS while being prepared for potential career pathways in manufacturing, other sectors, and continued education. Through the program, some students will gain paid work experience at a manufacturing company and will earn portable industry credentials through the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council. The remainder of students will gain paid work experience in other sectors, and will earn related industry-recognized credentials, where possible. As many students as possible (up to 30 students) will be enrolled in the program and will be part of the GPS Youth Apprenticeship Program, including all students who work for a manufacturing company. GPS and MPS will work together to identify, recruit, and select students from MPS high schools for the program.

Due to circumstances involving the COVID 19 pandemic, the Education Center that had been at STRATTEC Security, 3333 Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee, will not be in use this year. In response to that building loss, James Madison Academic Campus (“JMAC”) will be used as a substitute Education Center for the 2020-2021 school year. As many as twenty (20) students may be enrolled as GPS students who attend the JMAC Education Center. Students in the GPS cohort at the JMAC Education Center may come from JMAC but may also come from any other high school in the Milwaukee Public School district. The maximum of 20 students could all attend a morning or afternoon classroom session, or they could be split up between morning and afternoon, whichever is determined to be the best fit for the students’ schedules. Students will be placed at either the Lakeside Education Center or the JMAC Education Center, whichever is determined to be the best fit for the student, depending on home address, transportation, worksite, or other criteria.

With regard to the JMAC Education Center, the following is agreed to: MPS intends to provide designated, furnished classroom space(s) sufficient to support the education and training of up to 20 student learners during the term of the Contract, which shall be accepted and used by GPS. Additionally, MPS will provide tabletop or desk and chairs for students, meeting table(s), whiteboard or screen, projector, storage and/or storage access, and Internet access.

Additional elements may also include printer or access to printer, private work/meeting space access for instructors and staff and project-based workspace access. Access to larger meeting spaces for use by GPS to promote the GPS Program is also requested by GPS and will be provided when possible. Meetings would include potential students from both JMAC and other MPS high schools, parents, and potential business partners.

Throughout the term of the contract, the space will be referenced as the JMAC Education Center. GPS will recognize MPS as an Education Center host in their marketing materials and website.

This will be an ongoing partnership subject to annual review. Notification of termination of the partnership for the coming year must be given by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to the fall start of new classes.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

This contract extension will run from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022 (“Year 2”), with one additional one-year option to extend.

The total cost of the contract in Year 2 will not exceed \$120,000.

**Budget Code:**

GOE-0-I-1T2-EO-ECTV...(General School-Contract Services).....\$120,000

**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 Blanket Contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc. for the Provision of Montessori Camp Services**

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc. (“Nature’s Classroom”) for the provision of Montessori sleep-away camp services to Montessori schools throughout the District. In 2016 and 2018 the Administration brought a blanket contract to the Board due to the regular usage of Nature’s Classroom by MPS Montessori schools as an augmentation to their curriculum. Continued usage has driven the need for another district-wide contract.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2024.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$300,000.

**Budget Code:**

Varies by location using services.....\$300,000.00

**Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required ..... 0%  
Proposed..... NA  
\$ Value ..... NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 hours per 36-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 hours per 36-month contract