

**(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 to News 2 You Products for a Unique Learning System for Educational Services**

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to News 2 You Products (“n2Y”) for a “Unique Learning System”, a comprehensive, modified curriculum for students with significant intellectual disabilities who participate in a curriculum based on Common Core Essential Elements. This curriculum encompasses all academic areas for grades 1 through 12: literacy; math; science; and social studies.

The Unique Learning System provides differentiated learning materials with adapted methods for instruction so students participate in rigorous daily classroom instruction similar to that of their non-disabled peers. The activities include visual representations onscreen, hearing text-to-speech as selected text is read aloud, hands-on learning with experiments and written expression opportunities. The Unique Learning System includes a standards-based set of interactive tools specifically designed for students with disabilities to access the general curriculum. All materials, licenses and on-line access for the proposed product are included in this purchase.

n2Y has provided MPS with this curriculum for the past six years. RFP 921 was issued in May 2016 to test the marketplace, but did not result in an award. As such, the Administration chose to continue to utilize n2Y based on the familiarity with the curriculum throughout the district for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 with the possibility of two one-year options to extend. The Administration seeks to exercise the first option to extend. This purchase will cover the period from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$129,945.20.

**Budget Code:**

SSU-0-A-IF8-DW-ECTS .....(IDEA – Contracted Services)..... \$129,945.20

**News 2 You Products**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 200 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS/12-mo contract

**Exception      Authorization to Extend a Contract with Mind Research Institute for ST Math Software Licenses and Professional Development**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Mind Research Institute for ST Math software licenses and professional development.

Contractor will provide professional development regarding the ST Math software for the

afterschool staff at the four Milwaukee Partnership Schools: Dr. George Washington Carver Academy of Mathematics and Science; Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School; Rogers Street Academy; and James Madison Academic Campus. The professional development shall include instructor-led webinars, self-guided courses, instructor-led workshops, or a combination of the aforementioned. Ongoing best practice consulting and personalized support (email, phone, WebEX or a combination) shall be provided. Contractor shall provide monthly school and district summary progress reports via email or SFTP. A third-year data meeting will be held on or before July 15, 2018 to review data and discuss best practices.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics were met. Mind Research Institute met the performance metrics codified in the contract; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This contract extension will run from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$27,000.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-H-S-M48-CI-ECTS .....(Milwaukee Partnership – Contracted Services).....\$27,000

**Mind Research Institute**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Education for Developmental Evaluation Services for the Partnership Schools Project**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Education for developmental evaluation services for the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project.

Contractor will provide formative data regarding the implementation of the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project to the project team members (including the building intervention teams, steering team and executive committee). The evaluation will address the metrics described in the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project grant including interventions provided to students (math, reading, social emotional learning). The evaluators will provide user-friendly data for continuous improvement to program leaders so staff can make changes in real time to achieve the intended project goals.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics were met. Contractor met the performance metrics codified in the contract; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This contract extension will run from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$132,543.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-H-S-M48-CI-ECTS .....(Milwaukee Partnership – Contracted Services).....\$132,543

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Wisconsin Center for Education Research for the External Evaluation of the Partnership Schools Project**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Wisconsin Center for Education Research for the external evaluation of the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project.

Contractor will conduct focus groups and/or survey teachers to garner perceptions around key components of the initiative, particularly the supports and training provided to teachers. Survey content/focus group agendas will be appropriately vetted with stakeholders (including the project Steering Committee). Contractor will communicate regularly with partnership schools staff to provide updates on evaluation progress. Contractor will attend all necessary steering committee meetings as well as other relevant meetings at the request of the MPS project director. Contractor will analyze the results and produce an annual progress report as well as a project final report.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics were met. Contractor met the performance metrics codified in the contract; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This contract extension will run from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$214,000.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-H-S-M48-CI-ECTS .....(Milwaukee Partnership – Contracted Services).....\$214,000

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Young Men’s Christian Association of Metropolitan Milwaukee, Inc. for Recreational Programming, After-School Sports Programing and Assistance with the Before-and-After School Child Care Program at I.D.E.A.L. School**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with the Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Milwaukee, In. (YMCA) to provide recreational programming, after-school sports programing and assistance with the before-and-after school child care program at I.D.E.A.L. School.

As stated in their Charter School contract, I.D.E.A.L. has a special relationship with the YMCA as a community partner. YMCA offers programming to I.D.E.A.L. students at a 50% discount off their regular rates, including after- school sports. This partnership also includes the following items that are outside the scope of this contract: Girls Night Out program, summer camp scholarships for selected students, and involvement of YMCA staff members on the I.D.E.A.L. Governance Board as community members.

In 2011, I.D.E.A.L. School, along with Garland and Milwaukee Spanish Immersion, received a Spotlight Grant based on the three schools receiving the DPI School of Promise Award multiple times. The focus of this grant was to help the three schools improve and share their best practices, especially in the areas of health, wellness, and parental involvement. In this grant, the YMCA was identified as a critical partner in I.D.E.A.L School’s proposals to promote good health, increase student participation in sports, and increase parental involvement in PTA sponsored evening activities.

Since I.D.E.A.L. began as a school, the YMCA’s role has become a cherished component of the services I.D.E.A.L. is able to offer to students and their families. The heart of this programming is the recreational services during the school day that the YMCA is able to provide to the entire student body.

This extension will run from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The total cost of the contract in this term will not exceed \$50,000.

**Budget Code:**

GEN-0-S-BDS-ID-ECTS .....(I.D.E.A.L. School - Contracted Services).....\$50,000

**Young Men’s Christian Association of Metropolitan Milwaukee, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

**Exception Authorization to Extend a Blanket Contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc. for Montessori Camp Services**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend its blanket contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc. (NCI), for the provision of Montessori sleep-away camp services to Montessori school throughout the District. The regular usage of NCI by MPS Montessori schools as an augmentation to their curriculum drove the need for a district-wide contract.

The original blanket contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain survey results were met. NCI has again met the required survey results codified in the contract; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This second and final contract extension will run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The total cost of the contract this extension year will not exceed \$20,000.

**Budget Code:**

Varies by location ordering services.....\$20,000

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

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....N/A

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-month contract