

(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 Contract with Milwaukee Area Technical College for Credit Bearing College Courses

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Milwaukee Area Technical College for credit bearing college courses. Contractor will be used to deliver courses in English, Math, Sciences, World Languages, Career and Technical Education (CTE) and potentially other content areas.

MPS has contracted with MATC for many years through the CTE office and through the M-Cubed College Connections program. Students have been very successful, with a high percentage of students earning college credit at a significantly reduced cost to the district.

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 contract will run from January 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022, (the “Initial Term”) and will not exceed \$300,000.00.

Budget Code:

DTI-0-0-7G2-EO-ECTSCOVD....(ESSER II FUNDS)..... \$300,000.00

Milwaukee Area Technical College

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0

Exception Authorization to Contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for Credit Bearing College Courses

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for credit bearing college courses. Contractor will be used to deliver courses in English, Math, Sciences, World Languages, and potentially other content areas.

MPS has contracted with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for three years through the M-Cubed College Connections program. Students have been very successful, with a high percentage of students earning college credit at a significantly reduced cost to the district.

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 contract will run from January 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022, (the "Initial Term") and will not exceed \$470,000.00.

Budget Code:

DTI-0-0-7G2-EO-ECTSCVD....(ESSER II FUNDS)..... \$470,000.00

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

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 Smart Interpreting Services, Inc DBA Professional Interpreting Enterprise for Interpretation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Smart Interpreting Services, Inc DBA Professional Interpreting Enterprise for interpretation services.

Contractor shall provide interpretation services for students and staff who are deaf and hard of hearing in MPS. The grade level of the students may be from Pre-K3 to twelfth grade. The students will have varied proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL). Interpretation services may be needed for classroom instruction as well as after school activities, such as sporting activities, after school programs, and other similar programs. In addition, interpreters may be needed to accompany students on field trips. Interpretation services will be needed for adults who participate in activities sponsored by MPS as well as staff who work for MPS. Activities may include but are not limited to individualized education plan (IEP) meetings, parent/teacher conferences, school performances, and graduation ceremonies.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MPS is required to provide interpretation services to any individual who utilizes sign language as their primary mode of communication for any school activity or individual conference at which the parent is present. The State of Wisconsin Department of Regulations and Licensing (DRL) require interpreters to have a DRL license to interpret for adults who are deaf or hard of hearing in school settings. This vendor is an exception

to bid because they can meet the capacity needed for MPS staff, as we request two to three, in person sign language interpreters each week for adults.

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 contract will run from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and will not exceed \$300,000.

Budget Code:

HI2-0-I-EEN-DW-ECTS...(Interpreting Services - Contract Services).....\$300,000

Professional Interpreting Enterprise

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment-Hour Commitment: 300

Student Career-Awareness Commitment: 10

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Walk on Water Consulting, Inc., for Peoplesoft Support and Upgrades

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Walk on Water Consulting, Inc., (“WOW”) to support PeopleSoft, the District’s human resource management system. This contractor will be used to provide critical upgrades to the PeopleSoft application and related database, to deliver support for customizations to the PeopleSoft modules, and to assist, on an as-needed basis, with application support and troubleshooting.

WOW has been involved with the PeopleSoft application since its implementation at MPS in 1999. WOW will be used by the district during this extension as an escalated level of support for critical HR system needs and/or in addressing time-sensitive payroll issues.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity of services (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv)).

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual consent. This will be the second extension of this contract. This second and final contract extension will run from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

The total cost of the contract in the second extension will not exceed \$90,000.

Budget Code:

TSV-0-0-TLN-DW-ECTS..... (Technology - Contracted Services).....\$90,000

Walk on Water Consulting, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

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

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with AT&T Wisconsin for POTS

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with AT&T Wisconsin (“AT&T”) for Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS).

This service is used to provide critical communications for elevators, alarm lines, fire notification lines and other critical functions which must continue even in the event of a power outage. During the summer of 2019 MPS’ service provider for the majority of POTs lines abruptly terminated service. MPS was left to quickly obtain and establish connections with AT&T due to the vendor being the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC). As the ILEC, AT&T owns the facilities and equipment which provide local telephone exchange services in this geographic area. As the ILEC, AT&T is obligated to serve the exchange as the “provider of last resort”.

The work done during this transition was extensive in terms of cross connecting lines in the schools, testing and troubleshooting issues. The process took several months to complete. With that said continuing service with the current provider, AT&T, will ensure there are no disruptions to service at our sites as well as save costs of establishing new connections in each school.

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 required pursuant to continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv).

The contract will run from December 17, 2021, through December 16, 2023, and total cost will not exceed \$205,000.00

Budget Code:

PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL..... \$205,000.00

AT&T Wisconsin

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
ProposedNA
\$ 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 Issue a Contract with The Concord Consulting Group of Illinois, Inc. for Owner Representative Services for Construction Projects

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a contract to The Concord Consulting Group of Illinois, Inc. to provide owner representative services for construction projects completed using ESSER III funds.

The Concord Consulting Group was selected to be the owners representative for the ESSER II construction projects based on their proposal to RFP #21-027 and selection by an evaluation committee. A formal contract was awarded at the August 26, 2021, Board meeting. The Concord Consulting Group has been working with DFMS and the Integrated Project Delivery Contractors to coordinate investigation and development of information relative to the construction projects to be completed as part of ESSER II. The Concord Consulting Group will provide services for the construction projects to be completed under ESSER III to ensure continuity of process, reporting and coordination of work between ESSER II and ESSER III contractors.

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 required pursuant to continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

The contract will run from December 17, 2021, through December 31, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$2,000,000.00.

Budget Code: OPR-0-0-7S2-FM-ECTS
FAR-0-0-RDC-DW-ECNC.....\$2,000,000.00

The Concord Consulting Group of Illinois, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required25%

Proposed25%

\$ Value *Value will be based on the amount of services we purchase which is based on the percentage of construction contracts they are administering*

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 1500

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20

Exception Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Nearpod Inc. for premium plus access to Nearpod

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Nearpod Inc. for premium services for grades 3-12. MPS will receive premium plus access to Nearpod for one year, December 1, 2021, until November 30, 2022. This product will include premium features for all teachers and 49,000 students grades 3-12. It also includes district features like larger class sizes, unlimited storage, LMS integration, custom professional development and training options, and a dedicated

District Success Manager and District Strategy Consultant for onboarding and implementation.

Nearpod Premium Plus includes unlimited access to Nearpod's lesson, video, and activity creation and delivery platform with 20+ formative assessment and media features; Nearpod Lesson Library with 7,500+ standards-aligned, interactive lessons for all K-12 subject areas, featuring favorite educational brands; Nearpod Video & Activity Library with 5,000+ standards-aligned interactive videos and activities for all K-12 subject areas, featuring favorite educational brands, that can be used on their own, or added to Nearpod slides lessons; District features including larger class sizes, unlimited storage, School and District shared Libraries, LMS integration, and more; and Premium Plus lesson delivery features, including Live Teacher Annotation and Co-Teaching.

There are 669 active teacher Nearpod users in Milwaukee Public Schools. These teachers are spread across at least 52 different schools. Library Media Specialists have already received training in Nearpod and are in a position to support the teachers in the schools they serve. MPS educators have launched 12,930 unique Nearpod lessons since September 1, 2020, alone. Just over half of the lessons launched are teacher-created lessons and the rest utilize existing lessons from the Nearpod Lesson Library. There are over 8,500 Wisconsin state standards-aligned lessons that already include all of the Nearpod interactive features. There are Nearpod science lessons directly aligned with the district's new science adoption making science educators an initial focus for rollout of Nearpod.

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

This subscription will run from December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$145,440.

Budget Code:

ITS-0-0-7G2-CI-ECTSCOVD..... \$145,440

Nearpod Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

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

Exception Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Learning A-Z, LLC for License Renewal

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Learning A-Z, LLC for license renewals for the 2022-2023 year. Learning A-Z is a literacy-focused curriculum resource company that has partnered with Milwaukee Public Schools at a district-wide level since 2008. Learning A-Z makes it easy to target the skills, strategies, and points of emphasis associated with curriculum and state standards. With the company’s online correlation tools, teachers can quickly find resources correlated to: Wisconsin Standards for English Language Arts, Wisconsin Standards for Science, HMH Intro Reading® (2022 correlation currently in progress), and Language proficiency standards.

Learning A-Z products have been a supplemental core resource which support differentiation in grades PreK-6 in literacy and science. This core resource provides teachers and students with access to level text (literature and informational), authentic text in several languages besides English, and kid-centric activities which provide a level of interactivity that is not available through paper copy resources. These dynamic resources are constantly updated to include the latest research-based strategies and resources that are aligned to standards (inquiry unit, project-based learning, etc.). With development, not only to increase usage but to ensure quality usage with student achievement at the core. The district has been able to connect systems to our Single Sign On (SSO) through Clever which makes rostering and reporting significantly user-friendly and efficient. Using another resource for this purpose would be a loss in terms of teacher training and professional development for quality usage. Additionally, the technology infrastructure set up that has been established is not easily replicable through other providers.

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 subscription will run from July 15, 2022 – July 14, 2023.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$937,078.00.

Budget Code:

GEN-0-0-INV-DW-ENTB..... \$937,078.00

Learning A-Z, LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

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