

(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 Truescreen, Inc., for Criminal Background Screenings

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Truescreen, Inc., (“Truescreen”) to provide continued criminal background screening for applicants, student teacher/field placement students, volunteers, and vendors.

Truescreen was originally chosen pursuant to RFP 796 which closed on August 21, 2012. This vendor received the highest overall score in the RFP process. The initial contract with Truescreen commenced on May 1, 2013 and expired on June 30, 2018. Contract extensions were approved for 2018-19 and 2019-20 on the basis of continuity pursuant to Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv). The second contract extension is now needed. The services provided by Truescreen have increased capacity, efficiency and accuracy in processing criminal background checks. Truescreen conducts a nationwide search and a sex offender search.

The District has and will continue to absorb the cost of criminal background checks on applicants for employment with the district and volunteers. Currently, the District bills colleges/universities and vendors for background checks conducted.

This contract will also include the integration of Truescreen’s web-based platform with the District’s applicant tracking system so that criminal background checks can be requested with little to no manual intervention.

The budget for this service is based upon the cost of services provided by Truescreen and the estimated annual number of criminal background checks for applicants and volunteers for FY21. The budget does not include cost of background checks billed directly to the vendor or college/university by Truescreen.

This second contract extension will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total cost of the extension term will not exceed \$399,620.

Budget Code:

BGC-0-0-EMB-HR-ECTS.....(Employment Benefits – Contract Services).....\$399,620

Truescreen, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
ProposedN/A
\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hour per 12-month contract)

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

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board for SpringBoard Materials and Professional Development

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board (“College Board”) to provide professional development for its SpringBoard curriculum product in addition to the continued implementation and expansion of SpringBoard and the Advanced Placement (AP) initiative in MPS. The student materials and teacher institutes and workshops provide skills, strategies, and materials needed to be successful in AP as either a student or teacher. Since 2016, SpringBoard materials, workshops, and resources have been provided to approximately 120 teachers and 6,000 students. Next year, it is anticipated over 180 teachers; over 7,000 students in mathematics; and over 7,000 students in English Language Arts will participate in SpringBoard.

College Board is the only contractor authorized to offer professional development around SpringBoard. 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)).

For the 2020-2021 school year, continuing SpringBoard support in Mathematics and/or English Language Arts will be provided to participating schools: Audubon Middle and High School, Bay View High School, Golda Meir Middle and High School, Green Tree Preparatory Academy, Hamilton High School, Hartford Middle Grades, Humboldt Park Middle Grades, Madison Academic Campus, Milwaukee School of Languages Middle and High School, Morse Middle School, Marshall High School, and Vincent High School. The SpringBoard program will be offered to students in grades six through twelve at these participating schools in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Currently, all high schools listed above offer Advanced Placement courses for students.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement of the parties. MPS is exercising the first option year for the contract.

This first contract extension will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total cost of the contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$600,000.

Budget Code(s):

ENG-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction Contract Services).....	\$250,000
MTH-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction Contract Services).....	\$250,000
SDV-0-S-SBD-CI-ECTS..(Professional Development Contract Services)...	\$100,000

College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board

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: 10 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Purchase with News 2 You Products for a Unique Learning System for Educational Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to purchase from 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 Wisconsin 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 ten years. RFP1029 was issued in April 2020 to test the marketplace, but did not result in an award. As such, the Administration seeks to continue to utilize n2Y based on continuity and the familiarity with the curriculum throughout the district for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$147,252.50.

Budget Code:

SSU-0-A-IF1-DW-ECTS.....(IDEA – Contracted Services)..... \$147,252.50

News 2 You Products

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with City Year, Inc. to Serve as a Core Site for Whole School, Whole Child Support

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with City Year, Inc. (“City Year”) for partnering with Milwaukee Public Schools and specifically selected schools to implement City Year’s research based “Whole School, Whole Child” service model (WSWC). Contractor recruits prepares and leads diverse AmeriCorps members ages 17 to 24 years for ten months of full-time service in schools as near peer tutors, mentors and role models to help students stay on track to graduation. Corps members will be working in thirteen (13) MPS schools to serve in conjunction with school staff and members of the school community to help improve student attendance, behavior and coursework through academic support, attendance monitoring and incentives, positive behavior support, extended day programming and school-wide programs and events.

In partnership with MPS, City Year will deliver services agreed upon with school partners to support the following outcomes that research proves are indicators of increased likelihood of high school graduation: improved student attendance, improved positive student behavior, and higher achievement in literacy and math. Services will be provided at the following schools:

- Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts

- Alexander Mitchell
- Bay View High School
- Rogers Street Academy
- South Division High School
- Hopkins Lloyd Community
- G.W. Carver Academy
- Rufus King International Middle Years Campus
- Obama SCTE
- Clarke Street
- James Madison Academic High School
- Pulaski High School
- Vincent High 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 considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend. This will be the first extension of this contract.

This contract extension will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The total cost of this extension term will not exceed \$1,755,000.00.

Budget Code:

OSC-0-S-1T1-LS-ECTS....(T1 High Needs School – Contract Services).....\$695,000
 OSC-0-A-1V1-LS-ECTS.....(T2 – Contract Services).....\$750,000
 GEN-0-0-SSF-DW-ECTS...(Superintendent Special Funds – Contract Services)..\$310,000

City Year, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 ProposedNA%
 \$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

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

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Teach for America, Inc. for Teacher Candidates

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Teach for America, Inc. (TFA) for highly qualified educator services. Contractor will be used to deliver up to 49 teachers annually, for the 2020 – 2021 school year, which can be extended for two additional one-year periods.

Teach for America offers a diverse group of teacher candidates pursuing post-baccalaureate certification an opportunity to work with the focus on urban youth throughout the Milwaukee area. TFA provides the candidates with continuing support, professional development opportunities and counseling above the services offered by MPS. Students accepted into TFA have a strong foundation for teaching our youth once they have completed the program.

The partnership with TFA has become increasingly important as the number of teacher candidates from traditional sources has been steadily decreasing.

Traditionally, contracts under \$50,000 annually are not brought forward to the Board for approval by the Administration. However, due to the Board's interest in this contract, the Administration is bringing it to the Board for approval.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend. This will be the first extension of this contract.

This contract extension will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The total cost of this extension term will not exceed \$49,000.00.

Budget Code:

RCR-0-0-STF-HR-EADV...(Recruitment – Contract Services)..... \$49,000.00

Teach for America, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

RequiredNA%

ProposedNA%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: NA

Student Career Awareness Commitment: NA

Exception Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Illuminate Education, Inc. for Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Illuminate Education, Inc. for the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS). From 2012 through 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) required that school districts assess the reading readiness of all students enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten to second grade using PALS. Beginning in the 2016 – 2017 school year, DPI provided districts the opportunity to continue using PALS or select a different assessment of reading readiness.

The Administration, based on strong positive teacher feedback, has decided to continue to use PALS due to its usefulness to inform instruction and for continuity purposes. By purchasing from Illuminate Education, Inc., the District will receive professional development tailored to MPS needs. The company has also developed methods for PALS to be used in a virtual format if necessary. This purchase also includes PALS Español for K5 - second grade bilingual students. PALS K4 Español continues to be field tested with the updated kits being purchased through the company.

This purchase is approved on the basis of continuity pursuant to Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv).

The DPI Office of Assessment has indicated that this purchase will be fully reimbursed if the assessment rate per student is at or below \$8.00 to \$9.00. The Administration is purchasing sufficient assessments to assess up to 19,200 students at the rate of \$6.50 to \$6.80 per student.

The license period will be from a period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The total cost of the purchase will not exceed \$130,333.60.

Budget Code:

SYS-0-0-AMT-RH-ECTS 130,333.60

Illuminate Education, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception

Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Assetgenie, Inc. and Enter a Blanket Agreement for the Purchase of USB-C Power Adapters

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Assetgenie, Inc. (AG Parts Education) for the purchase of 60,000 USB-C power adapters. The power adapters are necessary to support the remote learning of our students. Specifically, the adapters will be issued along with devices to students, which alleviates the process of unwiring and rewiring carts as educational needs change. The cost for the adapters is \$1,104,000.00. However, the Administration is also seeking authorization to enter a blanket contract with AG Parts Education for \$396,000 so that schools can order additional adapters as needed.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this purchase and blanket contract has been granted on the basis that it is an emergency pursuant to Administrative Policy 3.09(14).

The blanket contract will run July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The total cost of the purchase and blanket contract will not exceed \$1,500,000.

Budget Code:

TSV-0-S-CR1-DW-ENCQCOVD...(Technology Non-Capital Equip).....\$1,104,000

Varies by ordering location..... \$396,000

Assetgenie, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS