

(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

This item initiated by the Administration.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following professional services contracts:

RFP 966 Authorization to Extend a Contract with Playworks Education Energized for Recess Support Services and Professional Development

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a blanket contract with Playworks Education Energized (“Playworks”) for recess support and professional development services. Under the contract, Playworks will be used for the operation and coordination of recess support services targeting K-8th grade for schools in the District that make the decision to order the services.

The recess support services will consist of two components. Component B is full-time program staff providing recess support and training splitting on-site time between four school locations (ratio of 1:4 staff to schools). Component C is professional development on an hourly basis to schools not participating in Component B. Playworks will report to the Department of Curriculum and Instruction program outputs and deliverables twice during each contract year (by March 1st and June 30th).

Contractor was chosen pursuant to RFP 966, which closed on March 8, 2018. The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance objectives were met. Playworks met the performance objectives codified in the contract in the first year. In the second year Playworks was on track to meet the performance objectives, but due to the Covid-19 closings, the contractor was not able to collect the data for the final report. Based on the results of the first year of data collection and the midyear report provided by Playworks, MPS is exercising the second and final extension of this contract.

This second contract extension will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, (“Year 3”). The total cost of the contract in Year 3 will not exceed \$532,140.

Budget Code:

000-0-0-000-BL-ECTS.....(Budget code varies by location).....\$532,140

Playworks Education Energized

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
Total # of Employees668
Total # of Minorities 417
Total # of Women 414

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 25%
Proposed39%
\$ Value \$2,292.44

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

RFP 981 Authorization to Extend Two Contracts with Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc., and Running Rebels Community Organization for Violence Reduction Program Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend two contracts with Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc., (“MCC”) and Running Rebels Community Organization (“Running Rebels”) to provide violence reduction program services. The goals of the Violence-Free Zone Safe School (“VFZSS”) program are to decrease incidents of disruption and violence, to increase student attendance, to decrease suspensions due to disruptive behavior, and to improve the positive responses to questions in the climate surveys. The program shall be implemented in approximately twelve selected MPS school sites (two middle schools and ten high schools), with possible expansion into elementary school(s).

These two contractors were chosen pursuant to RFP 981, which closed on May 24, 2018. The original contracts provided for two one-year options to extend; therefore, MPS is exercising the second option year for the contracts.

These second contract extensions will run from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

The total cost of the MCC contract in the second extension will not exceed \$865,128. The total cost of the Running Rebels contract in the second extension will not exceed \$1,207,500.

Budget Code:

OGA-0-0-SST-DW-ECTS.....(School Safety – Contract Services).....\$2,072,628

Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
 Total # of Employees 89
 Total # of Minorities 56
 Total # of Women 45

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 4%
 Proposed 4%
 \$ Value TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20 HOURS

Running Rebels Community Organization

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
 Total # of Employees 123
 Total # of Minorities 115
 Total # of Women 45

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 4%
 Proposed 4%
 \$ Value TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20 HOURS

RFP 1003 Authorization to Extend a Contract with Lingua Pros, LLC for Translation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Lingua Pros, LLC (“LP”) for translation services. This contractor provides written translation services in a variety of languages to schools and departments across the District.

MPS is a multicultural, multilingual school district. The translation services provided by LP provide the support the District needs to make sure families of all languages are able to receive information about the District, their schools and their children in the language in which they are most comfortable reading.

This vendor was chosen pursuant to RFP 1003, which closed on April 5, 2019. 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 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 \$300,000.

Budget Code:

OGA-0-0-SSF-IC-ECTS...(Translation and Interpretation– Contract Services)...\$300,000

Lingua Pros, LLC

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor? NO
Total # of Employees6
Total # of Minorities3
Total # of Women4

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required15%
Proposed15%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

RFP 1003

Authorization to Extend Two Contracts with Lakeside Ventures, Inc., for Translation and Interpretation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into two contracts with Lakeside Ventures, Inc. d/b/a International Languages (“Lakeside”) for translation and interpretation services. This contractor provides written translation services in a variety of languages to schools and departments across the District; and oral interpretation for district and school events.

MPS is a multicultural, multilingual school district. The services provided by Lakeside provide the support the District needs to make sure families of all languages are able to receive information about the District, their schools and their children in the language in which they are most comfortable reading and speaking. The interpretation services provided ensure important District events are as inclusive as possible.

This vendor was chosen pursuant to RFP 1003, which closed on April 5, 2019. The original contracts provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement of the parties. MPS is exercising the first option year for the contracts.

The total cost of the contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$300,000.

These contract extensions will run from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total cost of the translation services contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$300,000. The total cost of the interpretation services contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$200,000.

Budget Code:

OGA-0-0-SSF-IC-ECTS...(Translation and Interpretation– Contract Services)...\$500,000

Lakeside Ventures, Inc.

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor?	Yes
Total # of Employees	59
Total # of Minorities	56
Total # of Women	39

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required	15%
Proposed	15%
\$ Value	N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

RFP 970

Authorization to extend services with Rehab Solutions, LLC, EBS Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. d/b/a EBS-Educational Based Services, Cumberland Therapy Services, LLC, and Sunbelt Staffing, LLC, for Speech-Language Pathology Services

The Administration requests authorization to contract with Rehab Solutions, LLC (“Rehab Solutions”), EBS Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. d/b/a EBS-Educational Based Services (“EBS”), Cumberland Therapy Services, LLC (“Cumberland”), and Sunbelt Staffing, LLC (“Sunbelt”) to provide speech-language pathology services mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and as outlined in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) for each eligible student.

These contracted services are needed due to the severe shortage of speech-language pathologists available to MPS, rendering MPS unable to fill its vacant speech-language pathologist positions. The shortage of speech-language pathologists in MPS mirrors the shortage of qualified speech-language pathologist personnel that exists nationwide. The Speech-Language Disabilities Program currently has six existing vacancies, six known resignations and the equivalent of approximately 6.0 FTEs needed annually to provide services to cover the various leaves the Speech-Language Disabilities Program incurs, such as those required by short term medical or child-rearing leaves.

Services to be provided by speech-language pathologists include speech and language therapy services, evaluation of children’s eligibility for such services, IEP development, Medicaid billing, and other reporting requirements.

The four vendors were chosen pursuant to RFP 970, with a one-year contract beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 (the “Initial Term”) with two additional one-year options. The first extension was from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (“Year 2”). The second extension is from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (“Year 3”).

The Administration is requesting the approval of the contracts and is seeking authorization of an amount not to exceed \$1,277,250.00 to be distributed across the four vendors based on their ability to provide qualified staff.

The total cost of the Rehab Solutions contract in the Second Extension will not exceed \$600,000. The total cost of the EBS contract in the Second Extension will not exceed \$502,000. The total cost of the Cumberland contract in the Second Extension will not exceed \$175,250. No additional funds will be allocated for the Second Extension for Sunbelt Staffing LLC.

Budget Code:

SPL-0-I-EEN-DW-ECTS.....(Speech-Language - Contract Services).....\$1,277,250

Rehab Solutions, LLC

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? Yes
Total # of Employees 18
Total # of Minorities 2
Total # of Women 15

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required N/A
Proposed N/A
\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

EBS Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc. d/b/a EBS – Educational Based Services

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
Total # of Employees 2,269
Total # of Minorities 907
Total # of Women 1,974

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required N/A
Proposed N/A
\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Cumberland Therapy Services, LLC

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
Total # of Employees 500
Total # of Minorities 121
Total # of Women 449

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required N/A
Proposed N/A
\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Sunbelt Staffing, LLC

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Contractor? No
Total # of Employees 105
Total # of Minorities 17
Total # of Women 75

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required N/A
 Proposed N/A
 \$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

RFP 979

Authorization to Extend a Contract with MJ Care, Inc. d/b/a Gemino Healthcare, for Provision of Occupational Therapy Services and Physical Therapy Services

The Administration requests authorization to extend a contract with MJ Care, Inc. d/b/a Gemino Healthcare (“MJ Care”) for occupational therapy (“OT”) services and physical therapy (“PT”) services as required by Individual Education Plans (“IEPs”) when staff vacancies exist or for long-term employee leave.

Currently MPS has one occupational therapy vacancy and one physical therapy vacancy and 1 FTE staff member who will be on leave beginning in the 2020-21 school year, making it necessary to contract for those services. Services to be provided by occupational and physical therapists include direct therapy intervention, development of IEPs, participation in IEP-team meetings, consultation with teachers and support staff and documentation for Medicaid billing.

Contractor was chosen pursuant to RFP 979, which closed on May 1, 2018. The Initial Term of the contract ran from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and allowed for two additional one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics incorporated into the contract are met. The first extension was exercised with a term of July 2019 – June 30, 2020. MPS is now seeking to extend the contract for a third and final term (Year 3). The total cost of this extension year will not exceed \$75,000.

Budget Code:

OTS-0-0-SES-DE-ECTS.....(Occupational Therapy – Contract Services).....\$75,000

MJ Care, Inc. d/b/a Gemino Healthcare

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor?Yes
 Total # of Employees691
 Total # of Minorities30
 Total # of Women627

HUB PARTICIPATION

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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS