

**(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 Enter into a Contract with AT&T Long Distance for Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS)**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with AT&T Long Distance (“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 April 3, 2024, through April 2, 2026. The total cost will not exceed \$215,000.00

**Budget Code:**

PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL..... \$215,000.00

**AT&T Wisconsin**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ 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 Contract with College Campus Tours LLC for College and Career Readiness Tour Services of the North Carolina Region**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with College Campus Tours LLC for *College and Career Readiness Tour Services* for 50 students and five staff members from Bay View High School, Bradley Technology & Trade High School, North Division High School, Riverside University High School, and Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences. Contractor will be used to deliver college and career readiness tours activities, including air and ground transportation, teaching aids and professional development, museum, touring and sightseeing services, food, and accommodations.

The planned college tours will be directly tied to Academic and Career Planning (ACP) in Milwaukee Public Schools. In addition to organizing the travel and itinerary for the week-long tours, College Campus Tours will also include lessons for staff and students that can be used during designated ACP time at the individual participating Milwaukee Public High Schools. This program has three components: College Readiness, Leadership Development and Life Skills.

College Campus Tours will also create an itinerary to include a visit to a regional business which covers the careers aspect of ACP.

The tour will depart on February 12, 2024, and return on February 15, 2024. Fifty students and five adults will participate. The tour includes stops at Johnson C Smith University, Livingstone College, Winston Salem State University, Bennett College for Women, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Saint Augustine’s University, STEM Labs at NCAT, Greensboro Lunch Counter Museum, Nolia Coffee, and Black Tech Hub and several other planned events.

The exception to bid has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind, in that there are no available competitive alternative contractors that can provide this service (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from January 1, 2024, through February 19, 2024, and will not exceed \$80,272.00.

**Budget Code:**

FLD-H-S-9Y4-EO-ECTS..... \$80,272.00

**College Campus Tours LLC**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ 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 Contract with College Campus Tours LLC for College and Career Readiness Tour Services of the Mid-Atlantic Region**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with College Campus Tours LLC for *College and Career Readiness Tour* services of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The activities and services include air and ground transportation, hotel and food

accommodations, college tours, sightseeing, teaching aids, and professional development seminars.

The tour will accommodate 50 MPS students and five staff from Green Tree Preparatory Academy, Hamilton High School, James Madison Academic Campus (JMAC), MacDowell Montessori School, and Ronald Reagan College Preparatory High School.

The planned college tours are directly tied to Academic and Career Planning (ACP) in Milwaukee Public Schools. In addition to organizing the travel and itinerary for the week-long tour, the Contractor shall also include lessons for staff and students that can be used during designated ACP time at the individual participating Milwaukee Public High Schools. The College Campus Tours Program has three components: College Readiness, Leadership Development, and Life Skills all designed to impact student lives and their college and career goals.

The tour will depart on April 22, 2024, and return on April 25, 2024. The Contractor itinerary includes stops at Virginia Union University, Virginia State University, Hampton University, Norfolk State University, Howard University, Bowie State, Morgan State University, Smithsonian Museums of African American History, Martin Luther King Jr Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and other planned events.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind, in that there are no available competitive alternative contractors that can provide this service (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from January 1, 2024, through April 29, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$82,510.00.

**Budget Code:**

FLD-H-S-9Y4-EO-ECTS.....\$82,510.00

**College Campus Tours LLC**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ 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 Contract with College Campus Tours LLC for College and Career Readiness Tour Services of the Alabama-Georgia Region**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with College Campus Tours LLC for *College and Career Readiness Tour* services of the Alabama-Georgia Region. The activities and services include air and ground transportation, hotel and food accommodations, college tours, sightseeing, teaching aids, and professional development seminars.

The tour will accommodate 100 MPS students and 10 staff from Audubon Technology and Communication High School, Casimir Pulaski High School, Rufus King International

High School, South Division High School, and Washington High School of Information Technology.

The planned college tours are directly tied to Academic and Career Planning (ACP) in Milwaukee Public Schools. In addition to organizing the travel and itinerary for the week-long tour, the Contractor shall also include lessons for staff and students that can be used during designated ACP time at the individual participating Milwaukee Public High Schools. The College Campus Tours Program has three components: College Readiness, Leadership Development, and Life Skills all designed to impact student lives and their college and career goals.

The tour will depart on June 17, 2024, and return on June 20, 2024. The Contractor itinerary includes stops at Morehouse College, Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Tuskegee University, Alabama State University, Martin Luther King Center, Birmingham Civil Rights Museum, George Washington Carver Museum, stops at regional businesses in the tech and legal industry, and other planned events.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind, in that there are no available competitive alternative contractors that can provide this service (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(i)).

The contract will run from January 1, 2024, through June 24, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$155,985.00.

**Budget Code:**

FLD-H-S-9Y4-EO-ECTS..... \$155,985.00

**College Campus Tours LLC**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....NA

\$ 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 Purchase Order to Indeed, Inc to Provide Online Job Postings for Highly Skilled Classified and Certificated Positions**

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order with Indeed, Inc to provide online job posting for highly skilled classified and certificated positions.

This partnership supports the district's priorities as we continue to recruit highly qualified staff to improve student academic achievement and district climate and culture.

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 total cost will not exceed \$54,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

DTI-0-S-9C4-HR-ECTS.....\$54,000.00

**Indeed, 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 Issue a Purchase Order to Speakable Technologies, Inc for the Global Library Subscription**

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Speakable Technologies, Inc to subscribe to Global Library which includes activity builder, respond card access, gradebook and assignment analytics, and Google classroom grade pass back.

This subscription is used by World Languages and Immersion teachers to provide students with speaking assignments that are self-corrected and receive immediate feedback. Approximately 15,000 students will have access to this subscription.

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 subscription will run from January 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and the total cost will not exceed \$146,700.00.

**Budget Code:**

ITS-0-S-9Q4-AQ-ETRS.....\$146,700.00

**Speakable Technologies, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS