

(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 Aperture Education for Social and Emotional Skill Assessment Licenses

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Aperture Education for social and emotional skill assessment licenses

The Devereaux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) is a strengths-based social and emotional skill assessment for grades K-12, used to inform tier 1 instruction and plan tier 2 and tier 3 interventions. This order provides access to 5,000 licenses, growth strategies, foundational practices, and reporting, as well as the student portal and goal setting features for high school students. It also includes access to global trainings and PD, technical support, and tailored onboarding. Milwaukee Public Schools has been utilizing the DESSA since 2019, during which time substantial efforts have been made to provide training and implementation support to various groups in the district including comprehensive behavior teachers, school psychologists, school social workers, and full staff at selected schools. This purchase order will expand the work that was started in 2019 and impact a growing number of students.

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 of the goods purchased will not exceed \$64,350.00.

Budget Code:

SDV-0-S-9F3-DE-ECTS.....(Specialized Services-Contracted Services).....\$64,350.00

Aperture Education LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Purchase Order with Auer Steel & Heating Supply Co., for the Purchase of Air-Conditioning Equipment

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a blanket purchase order with Auer Steel & Heating Supply Co, (“Auer Steel”) to provide air-conditioning equipment. The contractor will provide the equipment based on unit pricing set forth in the quotation received on July 1, 2022. The equipment will be used for a direct replacement of the air-conditioning systems in the Main Crossconnect Rooms within each school building. The equipment will be installed by the Department of Facilities and Maintenance Services. The equipment was selected based on compatibility and ability to match requirements of

existing equipment and conditions, significantly reducing modifications needed for installation. Purchasing in bulk will ensure continuity and consistency for future repairs and parts.

The district may purchase up to 75 units at a cost of \$2,877 per site, for a total contract cost of \$215,775.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity, replacement part and compatibility (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

This blanket purchase order will run from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

The total cost of the blanket purchase order will not exceed \$215,775.

Budget Code:

ITS-0-S-7S2-TC-ETRM.....(ESSER 2).....\$215,775

Auer Steel & Heating Supply Co.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

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 (WCER) for Milwaukee Partnership School Evaluation

The Administration is requesting 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 (WCER), to evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project. WCER 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. WCER will analyze the results and produce a report for inclusion in annual progress reports by September 1, 2023, as well as a project final report.

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 initial contract was in effect from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The contract extension will run from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The contract may be extended for one additional one-year period by mutual consent.

The total cost of the contract in Year 2 shall not exceed \$156,060.

Budget Code:

SDV-H-S-M43-CI-ECTS.....(Contracted Services).....\$156,060.00

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception

Authorization to extend a Contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to Evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, to evaluate the Milwaukee Partnership School Project. Center for Urban Population Health will provide formative data regarding the implementation of the Milwaukee Partnership Schools Project to the project team members (including the building intervention teams, steering committee, 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), student achievement data student attendance, family event attendance, student suspensions, and project collaboration.

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 initial contract was in effect from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The contract extension will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The contract may be extended for one additional one-year period by mutual consent.

The total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$150,874 in Year 2.

Budget Code:

SDV-H-S-M43-CI-ECTS (Milwaukee Partnership Schools Grant – Contract Services).....\$150,874

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception

Authorization to enter a Contract with Medical College of Wisconsin Inc. for Evaluation of Program to Enhance Children’s Healthy Learning Environments

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter a contract with Medical College of Wisconsin Inc. to receive leadership from Dr. Kirsten Beyer who will lead a team to

evaluate a program proposed by MPS and partners to enhance children’s healthy learning environments in Milwaukee, WI.

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

The contract extension will run from September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

The total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$69,341.00

Budget Code:

AMM-0-S-8Y2-OW-ECTS (Environmental Protection Agency)...\$69,341.00

Medical College of Wisconsin Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value0

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc., to Provide Alternative Education Programming

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with GPS Education Partners, Inc., (“GPS”) to provide alternative education programming. The contractor will provide enrollment for up to thirty (30) MPS eleventh and twelfth grade students in the contractor’s fully immersive, work-based educational GPSEd Program. The program is a comprehensive education and career training program that utilizes the contractor’s partnerships with manufacturing businesses, as well as businesses from the construction and automotive sectors, to execute the program. Students who complete the program will earn a full high school diploma from MPS while being prepared for continuing education and career pathways in manufacturing, construction or automotive. Through the program, students will participate in the GPS Youth Apprenticeship Program. The majority of students will gain paid work experience at a manufacturing company, and will earn portable industry-recognized credentials through the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council. The remainder of students will gain paid work experience in construction or automotive, and will earn related industry-recognized credentials. GPS and MPS will work together to identify, recruit, and select students from MPS high schools for the program.

This will be an ongoing partnership subject to annual review. Notification of termination of the partnership for the coming year must be given by March 31st of the year prior to the fall start of new classes.

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 ran from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 (“Year 1”). The first extension was in effect from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 (“Year 2”). This contract extension will run from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 (“Year 3”).

The total cost of the contract in Year 3 will not exceed \$120,000.

Budget Code:

GOE-0-I-1T3-EO-ECTV.....(General School-Contract Services).....\$120,000

GPS Education Partners, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend Contracts with Mental Health America of Wisconsin, AMRI Counseling Services LLC, Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC, Sixteen Street Community Health Centers Inc, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc for School Community Partnership for Mental Health (SCPMH) Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend contracts with Mental Health America of Wisconsin, AMRI Counseling Services LLC, Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC, Sixteen Street Community Health Centers Inc, and Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc to provide mental health services and supports to students/families/staff. These contractors provide collaboration, direct services to students and families, professional development, staff and parent training.

Contractors will provide direct/indirect mental health services to students, family members and staff within the SCPMH parameters and guidelines. Services may include: professional development with staff, parent education, student education, teacher consultation, critical incident debriefing, connecting with other agencies with specialized competencies, mental health consultation.

The contract extensions will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for these contracts has been granted for Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC, Sixteen Street Community Health Centers Inc, and Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(e)(b)(iv)). The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted for Mental Health America of Wisconsin and AMRI Counseling Services LLC on the basis that the service under this purchase is one-of-a-kind (Administrative Policy 3.09 (7)(e)(b)(i)).

The total cost of these contracts in years 2 and 3 will not exceed \$2,280,000 as follows:

Mental Health America of Wisconsin	\$180,000
AMRI Counseling Services LLC	\$180,000

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services	\$480,000
Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC	\$720,000
Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers Inc	\$360,000
Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Inc	\$360,000

Budget Code:

DTI-0-S-813-DE-ECTS..... (ESSER II funds)..... \$2,280,000

Mental Health America of Wisconsin

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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

AMRI Counseling Services LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (Hours per 12-month contract)

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

Children's Services Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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

Sebastian Family Psychology Practice LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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

Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers Inc

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Contract with the Urban Ecology Center, Inc. for Provision of Field Trips and Environmental Educational Activities

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Urban Ecology Center, Inc. (“UEC”) to provide field trips and environmental educational activities and services to participating schools within the District.

UEC offers a package of field trips, (including transportation), to schools within two miles of any of their three centers in Riverside Park, the Menomonee Valley and Washington Park. The Neighborhood Environmental Education Project (NEEP) is based on research that shows consistent contact with a piece of land from a young age is vital to becoming an environmentally literate adult. The field trips are offered to students from grades K3 - 12 and are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

MPS has been in partnership with UEC and has participated in NEEP since 1999. The project has grown from approximately 8 MPS schools to an anticipated 31 schools for the 2022-23 school year, 33 schools during the 2023-24 school year and 35 schools in the 2024-25 school year.

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

The contract will run from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$595,440.

Budget Code:

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Urban Ecology Center, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 36-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 1200 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Issue Purchase Orders to Milwaukee County Transit System for Bus Passes

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue purchase orders to the Milwaukee County Transit System for bus passes and tickets throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

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)).

These bus passes and tickets are provided to students for various school activities. The total cost of these purchases will not exceed \$2,100,000.

Budget Code:

STP-0-0-TRS-DW-EPPT.....(Pupil Transportation).....\$2,100,000

Milwaukee County Transit System

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor?
 Total # of EmployeesNA
 Total # of MinoritiesNA
 Total # of WomenNA

HUB PARTICIPATION

RequiredNA
 ProposedNA
 \$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Issue Direct Payment to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired for the Provision of Transportation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to make payment to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired for City of Milwaukee students attending the school during the 2022-2023 school year. Such transportation is scheduled by the Department of Public Institution and paid for by MPS pursuant to state statute 121.54.

The exception to bid has been granted on the basis of continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(iv)).

In accordance with Administrative Policy 3.09(3)(b)2, the payment is made via electronic direct payment. The total cost of this payment will not exceed \$218,400.

Budget Code:

NRT-0-0-TRS-DW-EPPT.....(Pupil Transportation).....\$218,400.00

Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

PRIME CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Certified HUB Vendor?No

Total # of EmployeesNA
 Total # of MinoritiesNA
 Total # of WomenNA

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 ProposedNA
 \$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Chenhalls Nissen, S.C., for Legal Assistance in Processing H-1B Paperwork for Employees

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Chenhalls Nissen, S.C., (“Chenhalls”) to provide legal assistance in processing H-1B paperwork for current employees and new hires. Specifically, Chenhalls will provide counsel and legal advice to the district concerning its Labor Condition Application (LCA) with the U.S. Department of Labor. Additionally, Chenhalls will complete, file, and maintain petitions seeking approval of H-1B classification and status from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for district employees.

Chenhalls has provided legal services to the district with regard to employees on H-1B visas since 2017. Jennifer Nissen, the attorney of record on the district’s H-1B visa cases, has provided these services to the district since 2014. Chenhalls has worked closely with Human Resources on H-1B visa cases and extension knowledge of district operations which facilitate efficient processing of H-1B visa cases. Switching law firms would be detrimental to district operations as efficiencies would be diminished which would result in delays in getting international teachers into classrooms. 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 initial term of the contract ran from September 18, 2020 through August 31, 2021. The first extension was approved with a term from September 2, 2021 through August 31, 2022. This second contract and final extension will run from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. The total cost of this extension term will not exceed \$250,000.

Budget Code:

OGA-0-0-HRO-HR-ECTS...(Contract Services)..... \$250,000

Chenhalls Nissen S.C.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 ProposedN/A
 \$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)

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