

(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 CDW Government LLC for Soundtrap Suite Subscription Licenses

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to CDW Government LLC for Soundtrap Suite Subscription Licenses.

Soundtrap is a platform that gives students access to a digital audio workstation for music composition. We began using this platform during the 2021-22 school year. Renewal of this license will allow continuous use in all MPS schools without interruption of service.

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 \$57,300.00. The subscription will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

Budget Code:

MUS-0-I-8G3-CI-ECTS.....(ESSER)..... \$57,300.00

CDW Government, 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 Issue a Contract to Edu, Inc. for College and Scholarship Application Assistance

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a contract to Edu, Inc. for 3,500 access codes for the Common Black College Application to be used by the graduating class of 2023 and 2024 to apply to Historical Black Colleges and Universities.

The Common Black College Application (CBCA) is a college application portal. Students are able to apply to 68 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) using one application. The CBCA provides an opportunity to streamline the college and scholarship application process for both students and educational staff. Based on research, Historically Black Colleges and Universities campuses foster student success by meeting the needs of first-generation and low-income students. HBCUs outperform predominantly white institutions in retention and graduating low-income African-American students.

The Common Black College Application will allow Milwaukee Public Schools' students access to the portal for 2022-2024 academic school years. The staff from CBCA will deliver professional development during the 2022-2024 academic years and provide direct outreach to students and families through workshops.

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)).

The term of the contract will run from October 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024 and will not exceed \$70,000.00.

Budget Code:

GDC-0-S-9B3-E0-ECTS....(Curriculum & Instruction - Purchases).... \$70,000.00

Edu, Inc.

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

Exception

Authorization to Contract with Facing History and Ourselves, Inc for Professional Development Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Facing History and Ourselves, Inc for professional development services. Contractor will be used to deliver the *Schools Where We Belong* program at Andrew S. Douglas Middle School.

The goal of the program is to create schools that center equity, social emotional learning, & civic education as key design elements of instruction. Students will gain critical thinking skills, empathy and tolerance, civic responsibility, and the belief they can make a difference in the world. Teachers will be more confident and skilled at fostering students' academic, civic, and social and emotional learning. School leaders will be equipped to shape and maintain a student-centered, brave, and inclusive school culture. Classrooms and schools will gain more equity-mindsets, be respectful, reflective, and participatory, necessary conditions for deep learning.

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 contract will run from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$58,000.

Budget Code:

SDV-0-S-9F3-DE-ECTS.....(Specialized Services Contracted Services).... \$58,000.00

Facing History and Ourselves, 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 Contract with HIR Wellness Institute, Inc. for Talking Circles with First Nation Studies

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with HIR Wellness Institute, Inc. for virtual and in person Talking Circles with First Nations participating students. Contractor shall provide pre and post surveys, to assess participant understanding and use of culturally specific coping strategies and interventions: The Seven Grandfather teachings, Medicine Wheel teachings, Generation Red Road curriculum for Native youth with mental health and substance use as well as cultural practices such as smudging. The Talking Circles will teach new skills and knowledge from these teachings, peer-to-peer mentorship and leading group exercises.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that this vendor is required to be used for these services, pursuant to an existing grant (Administrative Policy 3.09(2)(c)).

The original contract ran from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022 (the “Initial Term”), with two additional one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics incorporated into the contract are met. The first extension (“Year 2”) will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$85,554.00.

Budget Code:

SDV-0-S-D83-DW-ECTS..... \$85,554.00

HIR Wellness Institute

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ Value0

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 Contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership Inc., to Enhance Teaching and Learning in Milwaukee Public Schools

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership Inc. (“MEP”), to support MPS’s efforts to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in Milwaukee Public Schools. The broad initiative of the MEP is to ensure that every child in MPS is performing at or above grade level in reading, writing, mathematics and science through shared responsibility for student success. The framework for the initiative is a balanced, comprehensive literacy program that provides skills development across all curricular areas and focuses on reading, writing, listening,

speaking, deep thinking and research skills. Programmatic initiatives include teacher and administrator professional development as well as student character and academic skills enhancement. Additionally, MEP will support district initiatives to recruit highly qualified teachers in high need certification areas.

The Board has supported the work of the Milwaukee Education Partnership from its inception and maintains an MEP representative.

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 October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The first extension will run from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023 ("Year 2") with one additional one-year option to extend if certain performance metrics incorporated into the contract are met.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$75,000.

Budget Code:

GSP-0-0-CTG-DW-ECTS ...(Contract Services General Support).....\$75,000

Milwaukee Education Partnership 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 Contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership Inc., to Enhance the Pipeline of Graduates from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to Milwaukee

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Milwaukee Education Partnership Inc. ("MEP"), to enhance the pipeline of graduates from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to Milwaukee. MEP will collaborate with MPS to address workforce challenges related to the need and loss of African Americans in staffing. MEP, in partnership with MPS, will provide 10 graduating students who are completing their degree and certification in education with semester-long (16 weeks) paid internships, course credit, professional mentoring, housing and transportation.

The Board has supported the work of the Milwaukee Education Partnership from its inception and maintains an MEP representative.

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 will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 with the option for two additional one-year terms if certain performance metrics are met.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the cost per intern shall be \$6,417 and the total cost of the

contract in the initial term will not exceed \$64,170.

Budget Code:

OSC-0-S-1TS-LS-ECTS ...(Contract Services).....\$64,170.00

Milwaukee Education Partnership 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 Contract with Charter Communications Holdings LLC DBA Charter Communications Operating LLC for Telephone Communication Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Charter Communications Holdings LLC DBA Charter Communications Operating LLC for telephone communication services. Contractor will be used to provide 480 concurrent call paths for all district inbound and outbound telephone communication, and to provide 105,000 monthly minutes of usage for long distance and local calls.

These services are necessary to support the over 20,000 telephone numbers the district uses in all schools and departments to make and receive telephone calls internally and externally.

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 October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, with two additional one-year options to extend. Monthly estimated charges are \$7,904.85 before any fees or surcharges. The total cost of the contract in the initial term will not exceed \$99,600.

Budget Code:

PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL.....(Technology....Contracted Services)..... \$99,600.00

Charter Communications Holdings LLC DBA Charter Communications

Operating LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0

ProposedNA

\$ ValueNA

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 Tools for Schools, Inc. to Provide the Book Creator 1000 Book Premium License for a 24-Month Subscription

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Tools for Schools, Inc. to provide a 24-month subscription to Book Creator 1000 book premium

license. This subscription will include premium features for every teacher in the MPS domain. It includes full professional development support and a dedicated Teacher Success Manager for onboarding and implementation.

There are 1,203 active teacher Book Creator users in Milwaukee Public Schools. These teachers are spread across all content areas and grade levels. Library Media Specialist have already received training in Book Creator and are in a position to support the teachers in the schools they serve. Over 6,000 MPS students have engaged with Book Creator since August 1, 2021. Together, both teachers and students have created over 22,100 books.

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 subscription will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 and will not exceed \$171,000.

Budget Code:

DTI-0-8G3-CI-ETRS..... \$171,000.00

Tools for Schools, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0

ProposedNA

\$ 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 College Board to Provide Advanced Placement Assessments.

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with College Board for Advanced Placement Assessments. College Board is the sole source provider of the Advanced Placement (AP) Exams taken by the students in Milwaukee Public Schools. College Board will provide and deliver Milwaukee high schools the number of its standard national AP exams ordered by students in up to 36 subject areas.

College Board shall provide each school's AP coordinator, AP teachers, and designated school /district administrator access to the AP Online Score Reports and MyAP websites by the first week of August in each contract year. College Board will provide each student with his/her score results for all AP exams taken in electronic form no later than July 20th of each contract year. Additional fees for AP exam scoring, processing, late order fees, or unused/canceled exams will be charged to the individual school(s) in accordance with the list of fees detailed in the District Pay contract. The district collects test fees from students that are not economically disadvantaged and pays the fees for all students that are identified as economically disadvantaged. This contract would cover the 2022-23 school year.

This contract is an Exception-to-Bid based on one-of-a-kind status, since there is no alternative contractor. 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 comply with an established MPS standard and meet the quality required (Administrative

Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(v) and 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(vi).

This contract will run from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 and will not exceed \$250,000.

Budget Code:

SYS-0-0-AMT-RH-ECTS.....(Contract Services).....\$250,000.00

College Board

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0