

(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 Modify a Contract and to Increase Funds for the Contract with Cooperative Education Service Agency #1 (CESA #1) for Title I Services

The Administration requests authorization to add Milwaukee Academy to the contract with Cooperative Education Service Agency #1 (CESA #1) for Title ID services. The contractor will provide these services at Milwaukee Academy. Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) was notified that Milwaukee Academy had relocated to Milwaukee from Wauwatosa in August 2018. This notification came after the CESA contract had already gone to the Board in June.

The Administration is also requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with CESA #1 and each residential facility: St. Rose Youth & Family Center, St. Charles Youth & Family Services, and Milwaukee Academy. Under Title I, Part D, Subpart 2, the Local Education Agency (LEA) must have a formal agreement, outlining the programs and services to be provided, with each locally-operated facility that receives services under Subpart 2. In order for MPS to allow CESA #1 to provide Title services at each residential treatment center on its behalf, a formal agreement must be signed. The formal agreement, which is between the residential facility, MPS and CESA #1 ensures that federal regulations are being met and that each of the parties in the agreement are aware of the services to be provided.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract was 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)).

This current contract term runs from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The Administration requests an increase of \$44,512 to this contract for additional services with Milwaukee Academy. On June 28, 2018, the Board authorized \$68,264.42 as the total cost of the agreement in the extension year. Therefore, the modified total cost of the agreement in this extension year will not exceed \$112,776.42.

Budget Codes:

Title ID GOE-0-I-9A9-KY-ECTS.....(Contract Services).....\$44,512

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #1

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required.....15%

Proposed.....TBD

\$ Value.....TBD

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 400 HOURS/ 12-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS/ 12-month contract

Exception Authorization to Extend Contract with EarthLink, LLC, for Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS)

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend its contract with Earthlink, LLC, for Plain Old Telephone Services (POTS).

RFP 902 was issued in October 2015 to solicit POTS. This service is used primarily for elevators, alarm lines, fire-notification lines, and other critical functions which must continue even in the event of a power outage. Only one response to RFP 902 was received, and it failed to offer the specific services requested in the RFP. As such, Milwaukee Public Schools exercised its right to reject the proposal received in response to RFP 902 and did not make an award. The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract was 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)).

In May 2016, the Administration brought forward a contract with Earthlink, LLC, to provide these services, and the Board approved a two-year term that expired on June 30, 2018. The resultant contract entered into with Earthlink, LLC, was for three years and is set to expire June 30, 2019.

The Administration is now seeking approval for the third year of the contract, which will run from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The rate of service will remain the same as in the previous two years at approximately \$32.50 per month. For 660 lines, the amount of the contract for this additional year is not expected to exceed to \$257,400.

Budget Code:

PIN-0-0-TLN-DW-ETEL.....(Telephone Services – Contract Services)..... \$257,400

Earthlink, LLC

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 ProposedNA
 \$ Value.....NA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-month contract
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-month contract

Exception

Authorization to Contract with Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (CESA #9)/ Wisconsin Virtual School for the Provision of Virtual Program/School

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9 (CESA #9)/ Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) for the provision of equitably-accessible, high-quality online educational options, courses, and services for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and its students for use in an MPS virtual program/school. Contractor will be used to deliver online education courses in grades 6 through 12 as well as advanced-placement credit-recovery courses that align with Wisconsin State Standards. Contractor will utilize staff that hold appropriate teachers' licenses from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the subject area and grade level of each online education course. Contractor will also be used to provide guidance and training for MPS administration and staff to teach courses and to further develop and operate the MPS virtual program and school.

This contract is in response to, and in alignment with, the Board's approval of the Administration's regional development plan on July 26, 2018, which directed establishing a MPS virtual school to begin effective with the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

WVS, which has been operated out of CESA #9 since 2000, is the state-led online and blended-learning supplemental program that partners with school districts throughout Wisconsin to offer online courses to middle- and high-school students. WVS has an agreement with DPI to provide online courses and services to Wisconsin schools as a partner

in the Wisconsin Digital Learning Collaborative (WDLC), consists of two collaborating organizations, WVS and the Wisconsin eSchool Network. These two organizations partner with DPI to provide a single point for schools to access quality online courses. Combined, the programs provide partnership pathways for schools to provide a variety of online and blended-learning opportunities. WVS provides high-quality, media-rich online courses that meet Wisconsin and national standards and are taught by instructors holding appropriate Wisconsin DPI licensing. WVS also offers assistance and training to districts in developing their own virtual programs. As such, WVS is uniquely situated to provide the services requested by MPS.

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 December 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, (“Initial Term”) with two additional one-year options to extend by mutual consent and the Board’s approval.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$130,000.

Budget Code:

GOE-0-I-4H9-DW-ECTV.....(Contract Services)..... \$130,000

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #9

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
 ProposedNA%
 \$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 200 HOURS/12-mo contract
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS/12-mo contract