

(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 Enter into a Blanket Contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc., for the Provision of Montessori Camp Services

The Administration requests authorization to enter into a blanket contract with Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc. (“Nature’s Classroom”) for the provision of Montessori sleep-away camp services to Montessori schools throughout the District. In 2016 the Administration brought a blanket contract to the Board due to the regular usage of Nature’s Classroom by MPS Montessori schools as an augmentation to their curriculum. Continued usage has driven the need for another district-wide contract.

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 September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$160,000.

Budget Code:

Varies by location using services.....\$160,000

Nature’s Classroom Institute of Wisconsin, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required 0%

Proposed..... NA

\$ Value NA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 hours per 36-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 30 hours per 36-month contract

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with STEM Happens Network, Inc., for STEM Services through the GE DEVELOPING FUTURES IN EDUCATION™ GRANT

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with STEM Happens Network, Inc., to assist in developing, executing, and supporting a comprehensive STEM plan. The purpose of the contract is to move current isolated STEM practices to an integrated, or “interdisciplinary” approach, with eventual shift to “trans-disciplinary”, or multiple integration of subjects, in identified pilot GE STEM Schools. Additionally, the STEM Happens Network will assist in the development of a professional learning community that facilitates the exploration of interdisciplinary approaches and exemplary student led projects through the integration of science, math, technology and engineering practices in schools using project based inquiry science.

Based upon the current work to date, the next phase of the STEM work will continue for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year to further deepen STEM integration across content areas. This contract is designed to continue to support the pilot GE STEM School work.

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 the GE Foundation grant (Administrative Policy 3.09(2)(c)).

The contract will run from October 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$378,200.

Budget Code:

GEN-0-I-G38-EO-ECTS.....(GE Foundation Grant - Contract Services)..... \$378,200

STEM Happens Networks, Inc.

(Procurement will provide the below.)

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

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