

Contracts Agenda for the Meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy - Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Contract Type	PEP Description	Estimated Highest Annual Spending	Estimated Total Spending	Contract Term	Agenda Item
Multiple Task Award Contract	Literacy Professional Development and Coaching Services (RA21)	\$30,000	\$150,000	5 Years	1
Multiple Task Award Contract	Math Coaching and PD Services	\$60,000	\$300,000	5 Years	2
Multiple Task Award Contract	R1129 - Arts Education Services	\$80,000	\$400,000	5 Years	3
Multiple Task Award Contract	R1129 - Arts Education Services	\$30,000	\$150,000	5 Years	4
Multiple Task Award Contract	Support Services	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	5 Years	5
Multiple Task Award Contract	Various Related Services for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14	\$30,000	\$150,000	2 Years	6
Competitive Sealed Bidding	Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) for Internet-based information and applications	\$564,480	\$2,822,400	5 Years	7
Competitive Sealed Bidding	Manufacturer direct: Fresh milk products	\$20,601,448.79	\$61,804,346.36	3 Years	8
Negotiated Services	Advanced Placement Assessment Materials	\$9,959,786	\$29,879,358	3 Years	9
Amendments and Extensions	Community Schools Services Contracts - Amendment and Extension	\$7,177,426	\$21,532,278	3 Years	10
Amendments and Extensions	Community Schools Services Contracts Amendment- R1365	\$314,876	\$314,876	1 Year	11
Amendments and Extensions	Community Schools Services Contracts Amendment-R1365	\$84,753	\$84,753	1 Year	12
Amendments and Extensions	NYC Urban Debate League - Expanded Learning Time Grant amendment	\$400,000	\$400,000	9 Months	13
Amendments and Extensions	SDY Plus Amendments	\$3,231,900	\$6,463,800	2 Years	14
Amendments and Extensions	Extension for the Transport of Goods and Equipment	\$1,645,563.61	\$1,645,563.61	1 Year	15
Amendments and Extensions	Extension to purchase and deliver Heavy Duty Kitchen Equipment	\$8,170,411.93	\$8,170,411.93	1 Year	16
Amendments and Extensions	FY26 UPK Extensions	\$14,997,975.16	\$14,997,975.16	1 Year	17
Amendments and Extensions	Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Services for High Need Schools	\$1,737,080	\$1,737,080	1 Year	18
Amendments and Extensions	Removal and Transfer of Cafeteria Equip	\$538,929.66	\$538,929.66	1 Year	19
Amendments and Extensions	Special Inspection Services of Facilities	\$1,277,001	\$1,277,001	18 Months	20
Amendments and Extensions	Support of the WebSMART Menu Planning and Production software	\$49,257	\$49,257	1 Year	21
MWBE PCM	Data Center Operations Support - Data Center Technician	\$182,000	\$364,000	2 Years	22
MWBE PCM	Food Service Business Analytics System Enhancements and Operational Support	\$995,200	\$995,200	1 Year	23
MWBE PCM	Network Operations Center Operations Support	\$218,400	\$436,800	2 Years	24
MWBE PCM	Public Schools Athletic League Eligibility Automation Project	\$777,518	\$777,518	10 months	25
MWBE PCM	Supply and Delivery of HVAC Filters and related Materials	\$498,665.31	\$1,495,995.93	3 Years	26
MWBE PCM	The Repair and Replacement of Interior and Exterior Stone and Masonry Steps,	\$127,457	\$637,285	5 Years	27

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Listing Application	Educational Software - Overgrad Inc - The entire brand line of Overgrad software and digital content	\$26,519	\$79,557	3 Years	28
Listing Application	Entire line of EPS Operations LLC Software and digital content	\$638,685	\$1,916,055	3 Years	29
Listing Application	Textbooks - Klett	\$341,833	\$1,025,500	3 Years	30
Emergency	Emergency Extension Contracts with Vendors Providing Transportation Services for Pre-K Pupils	\$13,256,420.19	\$13,256,420.19	1 Month	31
Emergency	R1146 - Extension & Amendment for Related Services for Special Education [2025-2026] - RA#1	\$146,002,521.82	\$146,002,521.82	1 Year	32
Emergency	School-Age Emergency Contracts	\$76,487,966.84	\$76,487,966.84	1 Month	33
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	Center for Educational Innovation - FY25 College and Career Readiness Initiative	\$350,000	\$1,312,500	3 Years	34
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	El Puente De Williamsburg Inc. - FY25 College and Career Readiness	\$187,500	\$562,500	3 Years	35
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	Gan Day Care Center: FY25-FY27 Discretionary Award	\$1,445,000	\$4,335,000	Three Years	36
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	Hispanic Federation - FY25-FY27 Discretionary to support the Education Equity Action Plan	\$312,500	\$937,500	Three Years	37
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	History UnErased - FY25-FY27 City Council LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum	\$479,166.25	\$1,437,498.75	3 Years	38
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	LGBT Youth out Loud, Inc.: FY25-FY27 LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum	\$156,250	\$468,750	3 Years	39
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	Teachers College, Columbia University: FY25-FY27 Discretionary award	\$312,500	\$937,500	3 Years	40
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	UFT Ed. Fdn: FY24 City Council to Support the BRAVE Hotline Program	\$250,000	\$750,000	Three Years	41
Discretionary, Grant, or Other Required Method	United Way - FY25-FY27 Discretionary to support the Education Equity Action Plan	\$2,812,500	\$8,437,500	3 Years	42

Request for Authorization for Literacy Professional Development and Coaching Services – R1256 (RA 21)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$30,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$150,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: One, 3-Year

Options Amount: \$90,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12369

Vendor Name: The Writing Revolution

Vendor Address: 90 Broad Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10004

Awarded Component(s): 1

Contract Manager: Susan Tynan, Director of Literacy, Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Lead Contracting Officer: Meghan Duffy, Director of Academic Intervention Services, Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Joy Gentolia, Director, Instructional Services Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction to contract with the above-named vendor to provide system-wide literacy professional development services. These programs will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortiums of schools.

Discussion

To help ensure that its students achieve the highest standards in literacy and the implementation of the NY State Next Generation Learning Standards (“NGLS”), the DOE must acquire professional development services for its teachers, leaders, coaches, administrators, and support staff. These services will increase literacy content and pedagogical knowledge, support the implementation of NGLS-based literacy instruction, and align resources to improve student achievement. These services will also support schools and learning communities as they plan and conduct effective instruction and professional development in literacy.

Contracted vendors will provide high-quality, needs-based, and culturally responsive professional development and coaching services to support comprehensive NGLS-based literacy instruction for teachers and other staff covering Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Services will focus on literacy content, pedagogy, citywide curriculum programs, research, and best practices and will include institutes, workshops, seminars, course work, conferences, walk-throughs, and inter-visitations.

Vendors proposed for one or more of the following focus areas: 1) Literacy Professional Development, and 2) Literacy Consultants/Coaches. Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The evaluation committees included a director of literacy, director of academic intervention services, education administrator, and literacy instructional specialists. Proposals were scored based on program

plan (25 points), organizational capacity (25 points), pricing (25 points), and demonstrated effectiveness (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

Thirty-six vendors were named in previous Requests for Authorizations (“RAs”), and one is named here.

The recommended vendor’s services introduce shifts in pedagogy and provide direction on efficient and effective ways to use student data to inform instructional practices and improve student achievement. Professional development offerings will provide specific support to schools and teachers for implementing all or some components of reading and other components of literacy instruction in ELA and other content areas within classrooms, including foundational literacy skills. Program delivery methods include customized workshops, support, and coaching.

The Writing Revolution (“TWR”) offers to provide professional development workshops using the Hochman method, an explicit set of sequenced strategies for teaching expository writing that can be integrated into any content. Specific strategies are presented to improve the structure, coherence and clarity of students’ writing, beginning at the sentence-level. The focus moves to outlines, paragraphs, and compositions. Participants will learn how to teach notetaking, summarization, and revision. Opportunities are provided for participants to practice and create activities, as well as receive feedback from TWR faculty.

Pricing for TWR was determined to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under similar solicitations.

The estimated annual contract amount for TWR is based on the amount for new vendors with a literacy professional development services requirements MTAC contract of \$30,000 per awarded component.

A decision was made to contract for these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program in an efficient manner.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet demand for such services, and to offer a choice among vendors.

[Vendor Responsibility](#)

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization for Math-Related Services and Professional Development
– R1254 (RA20)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$60,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$300,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: One, 3-Year

Options Amount: \$180,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12410

Vendor Name: Amplify Education, Inc.

Vendor Address: 55 Washington Street, Suite 800, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Awarded Component(s): 1, 2

Contract Manager: Beth Wehner, Senior Director of Math and Science, Division of Academics and Instruction

Lead Contracting Officer: Nicole Williams, Executive Director of STEM, Division of Academics and Instruction

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Joy Gentolia, Director, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Academics and Instruction to contract with the above-named vendor to provide system-wide mathematics professional development and coaching services. These services will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortiums of schools.

Discussion

To help ensure that its students achieve the higher standards in mathematics that adoption of Next Generation Math Learning Standard (“NGMLS”) requires, the DOE must acquire professional development services for its teachers, leaders, coaches, administrators, and support staff. These services will increase math content and pedagogical knowledge, support the implementation of NGMLS, and align resources to improve student achievement. These services will also support schools and learning communities as they plan and conduct effective instruction and professional development in math.

Vendors will provide high-quality, needs-based, and NGMLS-aligned professional development and support instruction for teachers and other staff covering pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Services will focus on math content, pedagogy, citywide curriculum programs, cognitive and socio-emotional development, research, and best practices, and will include institutes, workshops, seminars, course work, conferences, walk-throughs, and inter-visitations.

A decision was made to contract for these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program in an efficient manner.

Vendors proposed for one or more of the following focus areas: 1) Mathematics Professional Development, 2) Mathematics Consultants/Coaches, or 3) Direct Services to Students.

Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The evaluation committees included a teacher, math director, and STEM instructional specialist. Proposals were scored based on program plan (25 points), organizational capacity (25 points), pricing (25 points), and demonstrated effectiveness (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

Twenty-four vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is named here.

The recommended vendors' services introduce shifts in pedagogy and provide direction on efficient and effective ways to use student data to inform instructional practices that will improve student achievement and prepare them for college and careers in math. Professional development offerings will provide specific support to schools and teachers for implementing NGMLS, including conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, problem solving, and communication. Program delivery methods include customized workshops, support, and coaching.

Amplify Education, Inc. ("AEI") offers to provide professional development and coaching services based on research-based best practices. AEI's PD workshops are geared to increase participants' understanding of how to teach for conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and applications of math, as well as recognizing the benefits of implementing problem-based learning with students. AEI coaches will engage in-classroom observations, and tailor support based on teacher needs e.g., planning support and reviewing student work.

Pricing for AEI was determined to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under similar solicitations.

The estimated annual contracted amount for AEI is based on the amount for new vendors with a math professional development service requirements MTAC contract of \$30,000 for each awarded service component.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet demand for such services, and to offer a choice among vendors.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Panel for Educational Policy Meeting July 23, 2025 Agenda Item 3
Request for Authorization for Arts Education Services – R1129 (RA43)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$80,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$400,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: One; 3-Year

Options Amount: \$240,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12230

Vendor Name: See Table Below

Vendor Address: See Table Below

Awarded Component(s)*: See Table Below

Contract Manager: Shifat Jahreen, Director of Arts Education Program Implementation

Lead Contracting Officer: Paul J. Thompson, Executive Director, Office of Arts & Special Projects

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Joy Gentolia, Director, Instructional Services Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Arts and Special Projects (“OASP”) to contract with the below-named vendor to provide Arts Education Services. Services will be provided at the discretion of each participating school or central office operating on behalf of a school or consortium of schools.

Discussion

This request for Arts Education Services replaces a previous Arts Education solicitation. The approved vendors will deliver services that support and advance teaching and learning by building on the Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts (“Blueprint”), the New York State Learning Standards (“NYSLS”) for the Arts, and the National Coalition for Core Arts Standards. The Blueprint forms the basis for instructional programs in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and the moving image, and is built upon five strands of arts learning: (1) Arts Making; (2) Literacy in the Arts; (3) Making Connections; (4) Community and Cultural Resources; and (5) Careers and Lifelong Learning. Awarded vendors will deliver culturally responsive services and integrate the guidelines established in the Blueprint while enhancing studies in other disciplines.

The proposals were distributed to an Evaluation Committee that included Arts Coordinators and Directors from OASP, all of whom are knowledgeable of the Blueprint and the NYSLS for the Arts. All members of the committee have participated in developing the Blueprint, are currently implementing arts programming, and possess years of experience within New York City public schools or DOE central offices. To ensure scoring consistency, a training session was conducted for all committee members where they received an overview of the process and a scoring rubric. Proposals were evaluated using the following criteria: Program Plan (25 points), Organizational Capacity (25 points), Demonstrated Effectiveness (25 points), and Price (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

One hundred eighteen vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is recommended here.

A decision was made to contract for these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program in an efficient manner.

Lincoln Center for Performing Arts ("LCPA") offers inquiry-based experiential workshops where students participate and explore artmaking, questioning strategies, reflection, and research the work in preparation for a viewing of a live work of art in dance, music, theater or visual arts.

Pricing for LCPA was determined to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under similar solicitations.

The estimated annual contract amount for LCPA is based on their previous contract expenditures for similar services.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Vendor Names & Addresses	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, 7 th Floor New York, NY 10023	1,2,3,4,6	\$80,000 / \$400,000

***Awarded Components:**

1. Dance – ballet, modern, hip-hop, ballroom, African, Caribbean, dances of other countries & cultures, choreography.
2. Music – hip hop, jazz, classical, instrumental, vocal, choral, composing.
3. Theater – playwriting, storytelling, performing, playmaking, auditions, assemblies.
4. Visual Arts – museum tours, paintings, murals, drawing, architecture, collages.
5. Moving Image, New Media – film making, videography, photography.
6. Parent Engagement – all of the above subjects in concert with direct student services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.

A review of Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, Inc.'s (LCPA) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- A September 2023 the New York State Comptroller Office of Unclaimed Funds (OUF) conducted an audit of LCPA's unclaimed property funds. OUF and LCPA mutually agreed on certain adjustments to LCPA's unclaimed funds.
- From December 2022 to July 2023, four charges were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) by former employees for alleged unpaid overtime wages, age discrimination, hostile work environment, and discrimination based on religion due to the covid vaccine. All matters are closed.

- In November 2022, the New York State Insurance Department (NYSID) audited LCPA's Segregated Annuity Fund from January 2017 to December 2021. In December 2023, the audit determined that LCPA's Board failed to review the fund's activities on an annual basis and had differing gift annuity agreement forms than those that were filed with New York state. The vendor advised that the matter is now closed.

As the matters above have been resolved, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Panel for Educational Policy Meeting July 23, 2025 Agenda Item 4
Request for Authorization for Arts Education Services – R1129 (RA44)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$30,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$150,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: One; 3-Year

Options Amount: \$90,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12388

Vendor Name: See Table Below

Vendor Address: See Table Below

Awarded Component(s)*: See Table Below

Contract Manager: Shifat Jahreen, Director of Arts Education Program Implementation

Lead Contracting Officer: Paul J. Thompson, Executive Director, Office of Arts & Special Projects

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Joy Gentolia, Director, Instructional Services Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Arts and Special Projects (“OASP”) to contract with the below-named vendor to provide Arts Education Services. Services will be provided at the discretion of each participating school or central office operating on behalf of a school or consortium of schools.

Discussion

This request for Arts Education Services replaces a previous Arts Education solicitation. The approved vendors will deliver services that support and advance teaching and learning by building on the Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts (“Blueprint”), the New York State Learning Standards (“NYSLS”) for the Arts, and the National Coalition for Core Arts Standards. The Blueprint forms the basis for instructional programs in dance, music, theater, visual arts, and the moving image, and is built upon five strands of arts learning: (1) Arts Making; (2) Literacy in the Arts; (3) Making Connections; (4) Community and Cultural Resources; and (5) Careers and Lifelong Learning. Awarded vendors will deliver culturally responsive services and integrate the guidelines established in the Blueprint while enhancing studies in other disciplines.

The proposals were distributed to an Evaluation Committee that included Arts Coordinators and Directors from OASP, all of whom are knowledgeable of the Blueprint and the NYSLS for the Arts. All members of the committee have participated in developing the Blueprint, are currently implementing arts programming, and possess years of experience within New York City public schools or DOE central offices. To ensure scoring consistency, a training session was conducted for all committee members where they received an overview of the process and a scoring rubric. Proposals were evaluated using the following criteria: Program Plan (25 points), Organizational Capacity (25 points), Demonstrated Effectiveness (25 points), and Price (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

One hundred nineteen vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is recommended here.

A decision was made to contract for these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program in an efficient manner.

Society of the Educational Arts, Inc. ("SEA") offers integrated arts residencies in dance, music, theater, and moving image where students learn technique, improvisation, and choreography. SEA's dance instructors teach students in jazz, modern, classical, traditional, folkloric, and afro dance forms. Songs, stories, and movement games are used to help students understand their moving body, and to facilitate the learning of fundamental movement patterns.

Pricing for SEA was determined to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under similar solicitations.

The estimated annual contract amount for SEA is based on their previous contract expenditures for similar services.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Vendor Names & Addresses	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
Society of the Educational Arts, Inc. 107 Suffolk Street New York, N.Y. 10002	1,2,3,4	\$30,000 / \$150,000

***Awarded Components:**

1. Dance – ballet, modern, hip-hop, ballroom, African, Caribbean, dances of other countries & cultures, choreography.
2. Music – hip hop, jazz, classical, instrumental, vocal, choral, composing.
3. Theater – playwriting, storytelling, performing, playmaking, auditions, assemblies.
4. Visual Arts – museum tours, paintings, murals, drawing, architecture, collages.
5. Moving Image, New Media – film making, videography, photography.
6. Parent Engagement – all of the above subjects in concert with direct student services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization for Student Support Services – R1151 (RA 55)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$300,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,500,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: One, 3-Year

Options Amount: \$900,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12400

Awarded Service Component(s): See Table Below

Vendor Name: See Table Below

Vendor Addresses: See Table Below

Contract Manager: Alex Lim, Senior Operations Manager, Office of Safety and Youth Development

Lead Contracting Officer: Robert J. Weiner, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Safety & Youth Development

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Bryan E. Hester, Procurement Analyst, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Safety and Youth Development (“OSYD”) to contract with the below-named vendor to provide direct student support services and increase opportunities for educational enrichment. These programs will be provided at the discretion of each participating school or central office operating on behalf of a school or consortium of schools.

Discussion

Vendors proposed for one or more of the following 19 components: 1) Leadership Development and Civic Engagement, 2) Individual Counseling, 3) Group Counseling, 4) Mentoring, 5) Recreation/sports, 6) College/Post-Secondary Planning, 7) Career Awareness and the World of Work, 8) Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation, 9) Violence Prevention/Student Safety, 10) Bullying Prevention, 11) Substance Abuse and Problem Gambling Prevention and Intervention, 12) Internet Safety, 13) School Attendance Improvement, 14) Family Support Services, 15) Tutoring/homework Assistance, 16) Study/test-taking Skills, 17) Academic Skills Enhancement, 18) Thematic Projects, and 19) Family Literacy. Services may take place on- or off-site during the school day, after-school, or on non-school days. Non-school days include weekends, summer break, and vacation breaks during the school year.

Proposals were distributed to an Evaluation Committee that included former Principals, Assistant Principals, Teachers, Guidance Counselors, Instructional Specialists, Operations Analysts, Grant Managers and Directors from OSYD, Office of Post-Secondary Readiness, Office of Community Schools, the Office of School Wellness, and the Division of Family and Community Engagement. To ensure scoring consistency, a training session was conducted for all committee members where they received an overview of the process and scoring rubric. Proposals were scored based on the following criteria: Program Plan (35 points); Organizational Capacity (20 points); Pricing (25 points); and Demonstrated Effectiveness (20 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

One hundred thirty-five vendors were recommended under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is presented here.

A vendor can offer a single workshop for a component or offer an à la carte menu of services covering the 19 components listed.

Enhanced Learning, Inc. offers a broad portfolio of standards-aligned youth development services focused primarily on K-8 students and their families, with some K-12 options. Programs include workshops as well as individual and small group activities ranging from counseling and mentoring to bullying prevention and academic supports that bolster self-confidence, improve decision-making, foster goal setting, and enhance learning skills and content proficiency.

Pricing rates for Enhanced Learning, Inc. were determined to be fair and reasonable based on a comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under similar solicitations.

The estimated annual contract amount for Enhanced Learning, Inc. is based on the amount for new vendors with a student support services MTAC contract of \$30,000 per awarded service component.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet the demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Vendor Name & Address	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
Enhanced Learning, Inc. 6215 14th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219	2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	\$300,000 / \$1,500,000

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization for Multiple Task Award Contract (MTAC) Pilot for Various Related Services for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14- R1417 (RA #12)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$30,000

Estimated Total Amount: \$150,000

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 2 Years

Options: One, 2-Year

Options Amount: \$60,000

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12200

Vendor Name: See Chart Below

Vendor Address: See Chart Below

Contract Manager: Shona Gibson, Executive Director of Operations and Process Management, Office of Related Services

Lead Contracting Officer: John Hammer, Chief Executive Officer, Special Education Office

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Joy Gentolia, Director, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Special Education Office (“SEO”) to contract with the below-named vendor to provide high-quality occupational therapy services and/or speech language therapy services for school-age (ages 5-21) and preschool-age (ages 3-5) students in various Bronx and Brooklyn Districts, as listed below, that are mandated to receive special education-related services pursuant to an approved Individualized Education Program (“IEP”).

Discussion

The DOE is mandated by federal and state law, as well as by judgments in the federal court case of Jose P. v. Sobol, to evaluate students and to provide special education-related services where indicated. In cases where the DOE is unable to provide services as recommended with in-house staff, contracted service providers are utilized pursuant to a set of competitively bid requirements contracts. Where neither DOE nor contract agency providers can be identified to provide related services to school-aged students within required timeframes, the DOE issues Related Services Authorization vouchers (“RSAs”) to families for use with qualified independent providers in accordance with a fixed-rate schedule. Similarly, the DOE issues Independent Agreements (“IAs”) to independent providers for provision of pre-school related services when no DOE or contract agency provider can be identified within required timeframes. RSAs place the burden on families to identify a provider, with support from the DOE, and often do not result in timely or full-service provision. This burden has historically been placed disproportionately and inequitably on families in the hardest to serve communities. Both RSAs and IAs are inherently inefficient, as they are issued individually for each student and service and require considerable time to process and implement.

Identifying a more effective, efficient means of hiring independent providers to provide school-based services through a competitive procurement that attracts and retains a sufficient volume of qualified

providers is a DOE priority. The DOE agreed to take steps to pilot the use of an MTAC in the Bronx for this purpose pursuant to a settlement agreement in connection with the M.G. v. New York City Department of Education (Bronx Services) class action. In addition to satisfying this legal requirement, this solicitation is expected to further strengthen the provision of Occupational Therapy/Speech Language Therapy services in the Bronx, not just for students in DOE-managed schools, but also for students in charter schools, parentally placed private schools, and private pre-school settings. Finally, the solicitation will support the provision of Yiddish Speech Language Therapy services in Brooklyn District 14, which will act as a pilot to further improve timely provision of bilingual services.

Service	Language	Districts
Occupational Therapy	N/A	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12
Speech Therapy Services	English	7, 8, 9, 10, and 11
Speech Therapy Services	Yiddish	14

Vendors proposed for one or more of the above-named services, and then selected the district(s) where those services would be offered.

Proposals were distributed to an Evaluation Committee that included a Manager of Occupational Therapy, Manager of Speech Services, Manager of Budget and Personnel from the Office of Related Services, along with a Related Service Compliance Associate from the Office of Non-Public Schools. To ensure scoring consistency, a training session was conducted for all committee members where they received an overview of the process and scoring rubric. Proposals were scored based on the following criteria: Program Narrative/Statement of Work (10 points); Organizational Capacity (25 points); Pricing (40 points); and Demonstrated Effectiveness (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

Twenty-three vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is recommended here.

The proposed rates for occupational therapy and mono-lingual (English) speech therapy were compared to rates offered for positions posted on job websites for similar roles and titles. These rates were taken into consideration when establishing a range of rates that would be competitive enough to sustain occupational therapy and English speech therapy services in hard to serve areas.

There were only a limited number of job postings and current market data available for bilingual (Yiddish) speech therapy, which the DOE attributes to the highly specialized nature of the service. The maximum rate for English speech therapy established under this procurement was compared to the RSA rate, which the DOE offers parents to obtain this service. The percentage increase was applied to the RSA rate for Yiddish speech, establishing the range for Yiddish-based services under this procurement.

Accordingly, pricing for vendors that proposed rates within the range for occupational therapy, as well as speech therapy including English and Yiddish-based services, can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

The estimated annual contract amount for each recommended vendor is based on the amount for new vendors with a related services requirements MTAC contract of \$30,000 for each awarded service component and district.

The Multiple Task Award Contract process is the preferred procurement method as this process allows the DOE to award contracts for similar services to multiple vendors in order to meet the demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Estimated Contract Amount for Recommended Vendor

Vendor Name & Address	Component(s)	District(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
Chaya Hurwitz 723 Crown Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213	Bi-lingual Speech (Yiddish)	14	\$30,000 / \$150,000

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Crown Castle Fiber LLC to Provide Dedicated Internet Access

Procurement Method: Request for Bids per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-02

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$564,480.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$2,822,400.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy/E-rate

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: Two, 3-Year

Options Amount: \$3,386,880.00

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12345

Vendor Name: Crown Castle Fiber LLC

Vendor Address: 8020 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX, 77024

Contract Manager: Kari Auer, Sr. Director, Division of Instructional & Information Technology

Lead Contracting Officer: Nadia Molinari, Deputy CIO, Division of Instructional & Information Technology

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Sydney Mojica, IT Sourcing Coordinator

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization to enter into a Request for Bids per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-02 contract with Crown Castle Fiber LLC to provide dedicated internet access to schools and central offices throughout New York City.

Discussion

The DOE’s intention is to replace the current contract used to provide internet access at an aggregate bandwidth of 400 Gigabits per second (“Gbps”) for all schools and administrative sites. With the growth in media-rich web applications that require significantly higher bandwidth, a new contract is required to support a projected 1000 Gbps bandwidth and beyond for future needs.

The Division of Contracts & Purchasing (“DCP”) collaborated with the Division of Instructional and Information Technology (“DIIT”), The Office of Resource Management (“ORM”) and the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) in creating the solicitation and bid blank price form to ensure that the documents cover DOE’s needs. On December 11, 2024, a Request for Bids (“RFB”) was released to vendors on the DOE’s bidders list, submitted for advertisement in the City Record, made available via the DOE’s website, and referenced in a Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Form 470, which was posted on Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website. Bidders were required to submit pricing on internet services, existing DOE hardware, and network infrastructure. Bidders entered their prices for units of Gbps per month at each designated DOE site location. Please see Table 1 below for the bid amount comparison.

TABLE 1

Vendor	Bid Amount	Award
Crown Castle Fiber LLC	\$ 2,822,400.00	X

AT&T Enterprise LLC	\$ 4,152,180.00	
Zayo Group Holdings, Inc.	\$ 4,430,400.00	
Cablevision Lightpath LLC	\$ 6,038,740.80	

Five bids were received. One out of the five bids was determined to be non-responsive. Spectrum Enterprise was determined non-responsive due to not following the required bid blank format and not providing the requested annual breakdowns.

The contract pricing was set through a competitive bidding process. We compared unit prices from all responsive vendors. Crown Castle Fiber LLC had the lowest price. Additionally, Crown Castle's pricing was compared to the Government Services Administration ("GSA") pricing and were found to be below the GSA threshold. Crown Castle Fiber LLC provided the lowest bid with a contract total of \$2,822,400.00.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Crown Castle Fiber LLC

The DOE is aware of the following news articles:

- A June 2021 news story reported that a group of business owners in Fayetteville, North Carolina filed a lawsuit against the city of Fayetteville and Crown Castle Fiber LLC (Crown Castle) seeking to remove a 40-foot cellphone tower for which they claimed that the city violated its own rules in granting permits. Ultimately, the plaintiffs did not pursue their claim and the complaint was voluntarily dismissed in May 2021.
- An August 2020 news article revealed that a staffing firm that provided services to Crown Castle was not paid overtime. The matter was resolved August 21, 2020. Crown Castle was not found liable and the case was dismissed with prejudice.

In light of the resolution of the matters reported above, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request For Authorization to Provide Manufacturer Direct: Fresh Milk Products – B5840

Procurement Method: Request for Bids per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-02

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$20,601,448.79

Estimated Total Amount: \$61,804,346.37

Funding Source: Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2028; 3 Years

Options: Three, 1-Year

Options Amount: \$20,601,448.79

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12385

Vendor Name: See List Below

Vendor Address: See Below

Contract Manager: Janice Zapinsky, Deputy Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Lisa D'Amato, Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Fior Castellon, Procurement Analyst, Transportation, Food and Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby request authorization on behalf of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (“OFNS”) to contract with the vendors referenced below to supply fresh milk and dairy products to DOE contracted milk distributors who will in turn distribute milk to OFNS operated school kitchens participating in the breakfast and lunch programs. These contracts will replace three extension contracts set to expire June 30, 2025. These contracts will be funded by OFNS.

Discussion

The DOE released a Request for Bids (“RFB”) seeking vendors to supply fresh milk and dairy products to DOE milk distributors. The RFB consisted of three Aggregate Classes (“ACs”) as follows:

- Aggregate Class 1 – Manhattan and the Bronx;
- Aggregate Class 2 – North Brooklyn and Queens;
- Aggregate Class 3 – South Brooklyn and Staten Island

Each AC contains six dairy products: Whole milk (Half Pint and Quart containers), Low Fat milk (Half Pint), Fat Free milk (Half Pint), Fat Free Chocolate (Half Pint), and Half and Half (Quart container). Within each aggregate class, bidders were required to provide unit pricing for the cost of the product and a separate cost associated with delivery to the Department’s milk distributors’ various locations and/or warehouses within the tri-state area. DOE’s milk distributors will be making payments to contracted milk manufacturers for products delivered to their warehouses.

Bids were tabulated by tallying the annual extended cost of product unit price per container and the delivery charge multiplied by the annual estimated quantities to determine the total cost per aggregate class. Awards were determined based on the supplier that provided the lowest overall cost to the DOE. Bidders were limited to an

award of one aggregate class because, with multiple vendors, the DOE will be better positioned to minimize the risk of milk supply disruption.

Each class received three or five responsive bids and an award is recommended to the lowest formal responsive and responsible bidder(s) except as follows:

- For AC3 (South Brooklyn and Staten Island), the second low bidder, C&D Dairy Enterprises LLC dba Mill Road Dairy is recommended for award because the low bidder was awarded AC1.

See Table of Bids below for recommended awards.

Supply/ Distribution arrangements:

- Worcester Creameries will supply products to Bartlett Dairy
- Clover Farms Dairy LLC will supply products to Cream-O-Land Dairies
- C&D Dairy Enterprises dba Mill Road Dairy will supply products to Cream-O-Land Dairies

The award to these bidders for these AC's produced the lowest overall cost to the DOE. Bidder qualifications were conducted and vendors provided satisfactory evidence of sufficient capacity to provide the services required.

Product prices will be adjusted monthly based on the Northeast Marketing Area Federal Milk Marketing Order 1. Delivery mark-up prices will be adjusted annually based on Producer Price Index for Other specialized trucking, long distance.

Contractor Name & Address	Service Area	Geographical	Annual Contract Amount	Total Contract Amount
Worcester Creameries 55724 State Highway 30, Roxbury, NY 12474	Manhattan and Bronx		\$7,253,964.97	\$21,761,894.90
Clover Farms Dairy LLC 3300 Pottsville Pk, Reading, PA 19612	North Brooklyn and Queens		\$10,148,309.08	\$30,444,927.23
C&D Dairy Enterprises LLC dba Mill Road Dairy	South Brooklyn and Staten Island		\$3,199,174.74	\$9,597,524.23
Total			\$20,601,448.79	\$61,804,346.37

All three aggregate classes received multiple bids, with five bidders for AC2, four bidders for AC1, and three bidders for AC3. Worcester Creameries ("Worcester") was the lowest bidder for AC 1 and AC 3, and Clover Farms Dairy LLC ("Clover") for AC 2. The contract limits awards to one AC per vendor. This resulted in multiple bidders receiving awards.

DOE conducted a Monte Carlo simulation to determine the optimal award combination that would result in the lowest total cost to the DOE. Based on the results of the simulation, the recommended awardees are – Worcester (AC 1), Clover (AC 2) and Mill Road Dairy (AC 3).

A comparison was done between the proposed pricing in the bid and the prior contract:

- For AC 1 & AC 2, representing 84% of the total estimated contract spend in aggregate, pricing decreased by 7% and 6%, respectively, when compared to the prior contract.
- For AC 3, although proposed pricing for Mill Road Dairy, the second lowest bidder, increased by 16%, this aggregate class represents only 16% of the total estimated spend.

- Moreover, when compared to bids submitted under AC 1 and AC 2 by the low bidders Worcester and Clover, AC 3's weighted average price increase is a more modest 3%.

The DOE requested a voluntary price reduction ("VPR"), but all three vendors declined. In light of the aggregate decrease of 3% when compared to the prior contract, and the competitive nature of the bid, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

TABLE OF BIDS – MANUFACTURER DIRECT: FRESH MILK PRODUCTS (B5840)

Area/Vendor Name	Annual Amount	Total Contract Amount /3Years	Determination
AC1 – Manhattan and Bronx Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12			
Worcester Creameries	\$7,253,964.97	\$21,761,894.90	Recommended
C&D Dairy Enterprises dba Mill Road Dairy	\$7,369,745.96	\$22,109,237.87	
Clover Farms Dairy LLC	\$7,607,936.65	\$22,823,809.95	
Diversified Foods Inc.	\$12,110,373.74	\$36,331,121.22	
Valley Farms Dairy LLC	NO BID		
Aggregate Class 2 – North Brooklyn and Queens Districts: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32			
Clover Farms Dairy LLC	\$10,148,309.08	\$30,444,927.23	Recommended
Worcester Creameries	\$10,653,553.39	\$31,960,660.16	
C&D Dairy Enterprises dba Mill Road Dairy	\$10,826,794.25	\$32,480,382.75	
Valley Farms Dairy LLC	\$11,733,678.82	\$35,201,036.45	
Diversified Foods Inc.	\$17,698,934.82	\$53,096,804.47	
Aggregate Class 3 – Staten Island and South Brooklyn Districts: 20, 21, 31			
Worcester Creameries	\$3,193,260.63	\$9,579,781.89	RFB Award limitation
C&D Dairy Enterprises LLC dba Mill Road Dairy	\$3,199,174.74	\$9,597,524.23	Recommended
Diversified Foods Inc.	\$5,505,427.49	\$16,516,282.48	
Clover Farms Dairy LLC	NO BID		
Valley Farms Dairy LLC	NO BID		
TOTALS	20,601,448.79	\$61,804,346.36	

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Worcester Creameries Corp.

A March 2024 news article revealed a lawsuit was filed against Worcester Creameries Corp. (Worcester) d/b/a Mountainside Farms and its affiliate Dora's Naturals Inc. relating to an accident that involved a third-party distributor delivering Worcester milk products which resulted in two deaths and one individual who suffered significant injuries. The vendor advised that the matter is pending.

As the matter above remains pending, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with College Board for Advanced Placement Assessment Materials

Procurement Method: Negotiated Services Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-08

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$9,959,786

Estimated Total Amount: \$29,879,358

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2028; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12318

Vendor Name: College Board

Vendor Address: 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281

Contract Manager: David Fields, Director of Special Projects, Office of Assessments

Lead Contracting Officer: Jonathan Winstone, Director of Operations, Office of Policy and Evaluation

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Camella Fairweather, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Assessments to contract with College Board for the provision of published and copyrighted Advanced Placement (“AP”) assessment materials.

Discussion

Each AP course a student takes culminates with a corresponding exam to demonstrate mastery of the rigorous course content. The exams can also be used to qualify students for college credit, which impacts college awareness and readiness. Administration of the AP exam is essential for the DOE’s continued commitment to increasing access to AP courses for all students. New York City public school students can earn college credit by passing AP exams; however, these exams carry fees that may prohibit low-income students from taking them and thus limit the opportunities for these students to achieve academic success in college.

A Negotiated Services (“NS”) contract is the best method of procurement as College Board is the copyright owner of AP assessment materials and is the sole publisher of such materials. A contract for these services is necessary because the DOE does not have the expertise, personnel, and/or resources to meet the program’s objectives.

AP has provided critically important opportunities for Black and Latinx students citywide to graduate college-and-career ready. Historically, under the AP Test Fee Program (“AP TFP”), participating states used Federal funding towards reducing the cost for each AP exam taken by a low-income students. New York supplemented this Federal funding to further reduce the AP exam fee for low-income students. Beginning with the 2017 AP exam administration, states are no longer able to secure funding for low-income students’ AP exams through the Federal AP TFP. Instead, the Every Student Succeeds Act (“ESSA”) consolidated approximately 49 programs, including the AP TFP, into a new Title IV

program, which may be used by the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) to subsidize reduced-fee AP exams taken by students with a financial need (as further described in the table below).

This contract would cover the creation, delivery, pick-up, scoring, and reporting for the AP exam in multiple subjects. Under this contract, the DOE will pay for the following:

Material Description	Price per Unit	Quantity	Total Contract Price
AP Exam Fees w/out Fee Reduction	\$90.00	120,000	\$ 10,800,000
AP Exam Fees w/Fee Reduction*	\$53.00	330,000	\$ 17,490,000
Late Payment Fee (payments postmarked after June 15)	\$225.00	180	\$ 40,500
Late-Testing Fee	\$40.00	4,950	\$ 198,000
Unused/Canceled Exam Fee	\$40.00	26,325	\$ 1,053,000
Late Order Fee Per Exam	\$40.00	4,950	\$ 198,000
Late Exam Returns w/out Fee Reduction	\$180.00	3	\$ 540
Late Exam Returns w/Fee Reduction	\$106.00	3	\$ 318
Free-Response Booklets (1-20 booklets)	\$60.00	150	\$ 9,000
Free-Response Booklets (21-50 booklets)	\$120.00	150	\$ 18,000
Free-Response Booklets (51-100 booklets)	\$180.00	150	\$ 27,000
Free-Response Booklets (>100 booklets)	\$300.00	150	\$ 45,000
Total - Prime Contractor Material Costs			\$ 29,879,358

* For qualifying students with financial need

There are other fees that would also be covered under this contract, including late exam return fees with varying rates, ranging between \$106 and \$180, depending on the type of exam being returned – AP exam or AP Seminar, and AP Research, with and without reduced fee.

College Board has offered the DOE its standard pricing that is provided to all states, school districts, and schools located in the United States, which is the lowest available. This pricing includes the standard fee reduction applicable to all exams taken by students with a certified financial need. Further, the vendor will provide its tiered standard sliding scale rebates to DOE schools that administer more than 150 exams. Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable.

The potential Title IV program funding that may be provided by the NYSED directly to College Board will subsidize reduced-fee AP exams taken by students with a financial need.

The estimated total contract amount is based on the costs for the materials, scoring, and reporting required for the administration of approximately 150,000 exams per year, which is estimated based on historical trends.

College Board releases pricing in three-year increments to which the DOE aligns its NS contracts. The previous term was for the exams administered in 2023 – 2025. The DOE will determine pricing with College Board for the AP exam cycles beyond this agreement through a subsequent NS contract.

On June 4, 2025, the Chancellor’s Committee on Contracts recommended to contract with College Board.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

College Board

A review of College Board's PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- From 2019 to present, College Board has been investigated by the United States District Court for the Central District of California and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois:
 - In May 2020, four students filed a lawsuit against College Board, formerly known as College Entrance Examination Board, for failure to allow access and properly administer the 2020 Advanced Placement Exams. College Board advised that the court ordered arbitration and the matter is on-going.
 - In December 2019 a complaint was filed against College Board alleging that the Student Search Service violated various Illinois state consumer protection and privacy laws. College Board advised that in May 2023, all parties reached a confidential settlement agreement. The matter has been dismissed.
- From July 2018 to October 2022, College Board was investigated by the United States Attorney General's Office-Southern District of New York (SDNY), the United States Federal Court-Florida (USFCF), the Florida State Court (FLSC) and the New York Attorney General's Office (NYAG):
 - In October 2022, the NYAG requested information from College Board to assess its compliance with Education Law section 2-D and information relating to its financial aid products. In February 2024, College Board agreed to change its systems and paid a \$750,000 fine to NYAG. Separately, the DOE issued College Board a show cause letter and College Board agreed to discontinue the use of student personal identifiable information (PII) for commercial purposes and without permission from students. College Board also agreed to update its policies. The matter is now closed.
 - In July 2019, College Board was named in a complaint filed in connection with its decision to withhold, cancel, and/or challenge the May 2019 International SAT exam after test takers were believed to have engaged in testing misconduct. The vendor advised that this matter was dismissed.
 - In August 2018, a class action lawsuit was filed against College Board regarding an SAT exam leak. College Board advised that on August 13, 2019, the case was dismissed.
 - In July 2018, a lawsuit was filed against College Board for breach of its duty to permit access to certain public records in violation of Florida's Public Records Act. College Board advised that the case was dismissed.

As the matters above are either pending or resolved, and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Amend Community Schools Services Contracts-R1191

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-08

Estimated Annual Amendment Amount: \$7,177,426.00

Estimated Amendment Total: \$21,532,278.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2027

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12320

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Hayat Rehawi, Operations Manager, Office of Community Schools

Lead Contracting Officer: Toby Reyes, Senior Director for Budget & Procurement, Office of Community Schools

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Hany Amin, Associate Director, Central Office Professional Services

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Community Schools (“OCS”) to amend the contracts with the community-based organizations (“Lead CBOs”) listed below to work with DOE schools to implement the Community School strategy.

Discussion

Community Schools focus on family engagement, strong community partnerships, and tailored support for students and families to overcome obstacles affecting academic success. All Community Schools adhere to three foundational pillars:

1. **Rigorous Academics:** Programs prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship, with high-quality curricula, expanded learning opportunities, and accountability.
2. **Comprehensive Services:** Based on community needs, schools offer integrated programs to address holistic needs and engage families as key partners.
3. **Collaborative Partnerships:** Schools work with local entities, including government agencies, non-profits, and businesses, to maximize resources and impact.

In September 2020, the DOE issued an RFP (R1191) to identify Lead Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to help implement these strategies across 165 Community Schools. The innovative two-step award process ensured customized programs met specific school and community needs. A total of 136 contracts were awarded after evaluating 571 proposals.

To enhance services, contracts were later amended to address funding reductions from earlier formulas. These amendments, retroactively applied for FY25–FY27, restore funding to FY21 levels based on enrollment, grade level, and economic need. The amendment spans three years, Fiscal Years 2025 through 2027, to support expanded services for Community Schools transitioning to their standard funding allocation. However, the continuation of services under these amendments depends on the

availability and allocation of funds, reflecting their reliance on consistent financial support. These amendments are contingent upon City Tax Levy funding for the respective Fiscal Years. The Board reserves the right to terminate these amendments if the annual City Tax Levy funding for the program is not approved.

DBN	Organization	FY25 Annual Amendment Amount	FY26 Annual Amendment Amount	FY27 Annual Amendment Amount	Total Amendment Amount
09X313 09X339	BronxWorks, Inc.	\$298,982.00	\$298,982.00	\$298,982.00	\$896,946.00
06M463 06M468	Catholic Charities Community Services Archdiocese of NY	\$577,824.00	\$577,824.00	\$577,824.00	\$1,733,472.00
09X227 09X329 09X412	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$702,716.00	\$702,716.00	\$702,716.00	\$2,108,148.00
09X324	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$44,603.00	\$44,603.00	\$44,603.00	\$133,809.00
09X328 09X593 09X594	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$569,901.00	\$569,901.00	\$569,901.00	\$1,709,703.00
10X433	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$13,064.00	\$13,064.00	\$13,064.00	\$39,192.00
10X438	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$85,077.00	\$85,077.00	\$85,077.00	\$255,231.00
25Q460	Center for Supportive Schools, Inc.	\$399,975.00	\$399,975.00	\$399,975.00	\$1,199,925.00
16K455	Counseling In Schools, Inc.	\$9,580.00	\$9,580.00	\$9,580.00	\$28,740.00
17K354	Counseling In Schools, Inc.	\$8,851.00	\$8,851.00	\$8,851.00	\$26,553.00
18K566	Counseling In Schools, Inc.	\$78,252.00	\$78,252.00	\$78,252.00	\$234,756.00
23K493	Counseling In Schools, Inc.	\$31,278.00	\$31,278.00	\$31,278.00	\$93,834.00
08X371 08X467	East Side House, Inc.	\$140,626.00	\$140,626.00	\$140,626.00	\$421,878.00
30Q450	Fund for the City of New York, Inc.	\$397,967.00	\$397,967.00	\$397,967.00	\$1,193,901.00
07X548	Global Kids, Inc.	\$59,909.00	\$59,909.00	\$59,909.00	\$179,727.00
27Q480	Global Kids, Inc.	\$417,201.00	\$417,201.00	\$417,201.00	\$1,251,603.00
14K071	Grand Street Settlement, Inc.	\$97,920.00	\$97,920.00	\$97,920.00	\$293,760.00
08X405	New York Center for Interpersonal Development, Inc.	\$333,621.00	\$333,621.00	\$333,621.00	\$1,000,863.00
31R445	New York Center for Interpersonal Development, Inc.	\$178,621.00	\$178,621.00	\$178,621.00	\$535,863.00
16K308	Partnership with Children, Inc.	\$27,468.00	\$27,468.00	\$27,468.00	\$82,404.00
23K284	Partnership with Children, Inc.	\$34,918.00	\$34,918.00	\$34,918.00	\$104,754.00
10X085	Replications, Inc.	\$107,009.00	\$107,009.00	\$107,009.00	\$321,027.00
10X391	Replications, Inc.	\$79,063.00	\$79,063.00	\$79,063.00	\$237,189.00
12X217 12X341	Replications, Inc.	\$266,411.00	\$266,411.00	\$266,411.00	\$799,233.00
26Q435	Samuel Field YM & YWHA, Inc. d/b/a/ Common Point Queens	\$416,137.00	\$416,137.00	\$416,137.00	\$1,248,411.00
27Q475	South Asian Youth Action (SAYA!), Inc. d/b/a SAYA	\$397,141.00	\$397,141.00	\$397,141.00	\$1,191,423.00
14K126	St. Nicks Alliance Corp.	\$32,939.00	\$32,939.00	\$32,939.00	\$98,817.00

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23K156	The Child Center of NY, Inc.	\$15,908.00	\$15,908.00	\$15,908.00	\$47,724.00
27Q197	The Child Center of NY, Inc.	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$54,000.00
27Q400	The Child Center of NY, Inc.	\$124,535.00	\$124,535.00	\$124,535.00	\$373,605.00
09X219 09X517	The Children's Aid Society	\$371,357.00	\$371,357.00	\$371,357.00	\$1,114,071.00
16K335	United Community Schools, Inc.	\$40,193.00	\$40,193.00	\$40,193.00	\$120,579.00
03M415 03M860	Westhab, Inc.	\$86,467.00	\$86,467.00	\$86,467.00	\$259,401.00
09X294 09X311	Abbott House	\$126,901.00	\$126,901.00	\$126,901.00	\$380,703.00
10X080	Center for Educational Innovation	\$149,296.00	\$149,296.00	\$149,296.00	\$447,888.00
11X287 11X370	New York Edge, Inc.	\$376,969.00	\$376,969.00	\$376,969.00	\$1,130,907.00
27Q042	New York Edge, Inc.	\$60,746.00	\$60,746.00	\$60,746.00	\$182,238.00

It is necessary to contract for these services because the DOE does not possess the expertise, personnel, and/or resources necessary to meet the program objectives

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

BronxWorks Inc.

A review of BronxWorks Inc.'s (BronxWorks) PASSPort submission revealed the following information:

- In June 2022, the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) issued a report that revealed compliance issues with Bronxworks and its shelter services with the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS). Additionally, DOI recommended that the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) conduct a review to determine whether potential sale and lease agreements were reimbursable to DYCD and other city agencies. DYCD advised it has completed its review and determined the vendor to be in compliance. DHS advised that they are currently reviewing the vendor procurement policy.
- BronxWorks received an unsatisfactory performance evaluation from DYCD for the evaluation period ending June 30, 2020, due to failure to fulfill the scope of services according to the proposed workscope relating to enrollment, job placement, and recordkeeping for its Summer Youth Employment/Work, Learn and Grow program. DYCD advised that the vendor improved and received a subsequent satisfactory performance evaluation for fiscal year 2021.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- A June 2021 news report revealed that a former BronxWorks employee was ordered to pay restitution after using its employee login to order electronics for personal use. The vendor advised that the individual is no longer associated with BronxWorks and it has reviewed and strengthened its internal procedures.

As the matters have either been resolved or are pending, and in the light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the vendor is determined to be responsible.

[Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York](#)

A review of the most recent Responsibility Determination (RD) for Catholic Charities Community Services Archdiocese of New York's (Catholic Charities) by the New York City Department of Social Services' (DSS) revealed the following information:

- Two news articles discussed a lawsuit brought by a former employee against a Catholic Charities' principal regarding allegations of age and gender discrimination by a former employee. The former employee filed a claim of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which closed its investigation, resulting in the dismissal of the claim.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and as the vendor has performed satisfactorily on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[East Side House Inc.](#)

A review of East Side House Inc.'s (East Side House) PASSPort submission reveals the following caution:

- East Side House received two unsatisfactory performance evaluations from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) for the evaluation periods ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024. DYCD reported that East Side House failed to operate activities according to the proposed work scope, had an inadequate record and reporting system, and failed to fulfill the scope of services for its Neighborhood Development Group High School contract. DYCD advised that the vendor was placed on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which was subsequently closed. Furthermore, DYCD continues to contract with the vendor. During this time, East Side received good and satisfactory performance evaluations on other contracts with DYCD.

As the matters above were resolved, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Fund for the City of New York, Inc.](#)

A review of Fund for the City of New York Inc.'s (FCNY) Responsibility Determination (RD) from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) revealed the following information:

- In December 2022, a former employee filed a lawsuit alleging employment discrimination over FCNY's COVID-19 vaccination policy. In May 2023, the vendor entered a confidential settlement agreement and the lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[St. Nicks Alliance Corp.](#)

A November 2018 news article revealed that a class action suit was filed against St. Nicks Alliance Corp. for unpaid wages. The vendor advised that the litigation has now been dismissed by the court and the claim will proceed in 1199 Union arbitration, which is ongoing.

As the matter above is currently pending, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the vendor is determined to be responsible.

[The Child Center of NY, Inc.](#)

A review of The Child Center of NY, Inc.'s (TCCNY) PASSPort submission revealed the following information from the most recent responsibility determination (RD) by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD):

- On January 03, 2025, TCCNY disclosed eight cases of client abuse and neglect within the last twelve months. A review by DYCD of the corrective actions taken by TCCNY were prudent based on the information provided.

In light of the vendor's corrective actions and its overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[The Children's Aid Society](#)

A review of the most recent Responsibility Determination (RD) for The Children's Aid Society's (CAS) by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) revealed the following information:

- From February 2023 to August 2023, CAS disclosed ten cases of client abuse and neglect. A review by DYCD of the corrective actions taken by CAS were prudent based on the information provided.

The DOE is also aware of the following:

- In October 2016, a negligence claim was filed against CAS after a student was injured during an after-school film class run by CAS. The DOE and the City of New York were cited in this lawsuit and CAS advised a confidential settlement was approved in 2021 and the case was closed.

In light of the resolution of the matters reported above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Westhab, Inc.](#)

A review of Westhab Inc.'s (Westhab) PASSPort submission revealed the following agency-reported caution:

- In August 2022, The New York City Department of Investigations (DOI) made a referral to Department of Homeless Services (DHS) for a potential violation of the conflict-of-interest policy and nepotism. DHS advised that it reviewed the policies to ensure it aligned with the requirements of the standard contract and confirm that there were no violations of nepotism or the conflict-of-interest policy.

In addition, Westhab's PASSPort submission revealed the following information from the New York City Department of Homeless Services' (DHS) most recent Responsibility Determination (RD):

- An April 2024 news article reported an incident involving multiple arrests of residents at a Westhab shelter due to disturbances. Additionally, the article revealed a separate incident that involved a security guard who carried a personal knife which caused residents to feel threatened. Westhab advised that such possession is strictly prohibited, and the individual was terminated.
- A January 2024 news article reported that a former resident filed a lawsuit against Westhab related to sex discrimination. The vendor advised that the matter is pending.
- An August 2020 search revealed an Appellate Court decision regarding a coalition of neighborhood advocates who filed suit in 2019 to try and stop a shelter operated by Westhab from opening. The petition was originally denied in 2019 and after appeal, on August 13, 2020, the Appellate Court upheld the lower court decision denying the petition.

- The New York City Department of Building's (DOB) and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) websites reported open violations for Westhab. DHS advised that the vendor provided a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) demonstrating that it is working diligently to remediate all violations.
- Westhab is named as a defendant in multiple cases involving civil rights violations and personal injury torts. The cases are in various stages of litigation.

The DOE is also aware of the following:

- A July 2024 news article reported a potential unethical relationship between Westchester County Village and Westhab's affiliate Washington Housing Alliance (WHA) after concerns were raised about an affordable housing development project's approval process. Westhab denied these claims and advised that no legal action was taken.
- In March 2022, the New York State Comptroller (NYS Comptroller) issued an audit of Westhab Inc.'s Coachman Family Center's (CFC) expenses for its homeless shelter program from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019 and select expenses from 2020. The audit found that \$1,304,695 in reported costs for CFC did not comply with cost requirements. The NYS Comptroller recommended that the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) review the audit and recoup the monies owed through adjustments to Westhab's reimbursement rates and work with the vendor to ensure its compliance with cost requirements. In December 2021, OTDA recovered \$509,920 for the overstated depreciation and the remaining \$794,775 was settled in June 2024 with a claim package from the Westchester County Department Social Services (WCDSS). Additionally, the vendor advised that it has not received any further communication from OTDA or WCDSS since the audit.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE's contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Abbott House

A March 2016 news article reported a federal lawsuit alleging that an individual under the care of a foster home, through a NYC Administration of Children's Services (ACS) contract provider Abbott House, was repeatedly molested by her foster mother. The individual alleged in the civil suit that Abbott House, ACS, and a psychotherapy center provided improper supervision over her while she was in the care of a foster home, and failed to protect her from her foster mother, the assailant, even after she lodged several complaints. The DOE has confirmed with Abbott House that the matter was dismissed.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

New York Edge, Inc.

A review of New York Edge's (NYE), formerly known as Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation's (SASF), PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- From 2021 to present, NYE has been investigated by, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (SCI), and the New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR):
 - Three U.S. EEOC investigations relating to unlawful discriminatory practices based on age, race, and national origin. One case was settled, one case was closed due to the EEOC determining not to pursue the investigation further, and the last case is still ongoing.

- In April 2022, SCI substantiated an investigation regarding a student sitting on the lap of a former NYE staff member. The vendor advised that the incident was immediately reported to management and the former staff member resigned in November 2021. SCI advised that this matter is now closed.
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Additionally, PASSPort revealed the following information from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) Responsibility Determination (RD):

- NYE received an unsatisfactory evaluation from DYCD for the evaluation period ending June 30, 2021 for it's Comprehensive After School System of New York City (COMPASS) program. DYCD reported that NYE failed to respond to DYCD's Program Manager in a timely manner and did not meet enrollment requirements. DYCD advised that NYE was not placed on Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and continues to contract with the vendor. Subsequently, NYE received an overall good rating for evaluation period ending June 30, 2022.

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Request for Authorization to Amend Community Schools Services Contracts-R1365

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-08

Estimated Annual Amendment Amount: \$314,876.00

Estimated Amendment Total: \$314,876.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12390

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Hayat Rehawi, Operations Manager, Office of Community Schools

Lead Contracting Officer: Toby Reyes, Senior Director for Budget & Procurement, Office of Community Schools

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Hany Amin, Associate Director, Central Office Professional Services

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Community Schools (“OCS”) to amend the contracts with the community-based organizations (“Lead CBOs”) listed below to work with DOE schools to implement the Community School strategy.

Discussion

Community Schools focus on family engagement, strong community partnerships, and tailored support for students and families to overcome obstacles affecting academic success. All Community Schools adhere to three foundational pillars:

1. **Rigorous Academics:** Programs prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship, with high-quality curricula, expanded learning opportunities, and accountability.
2. **Comprehensive Services:** Based on community needs, schools offer integrated programs to address holistic needs and engage families as key partners.
3. **Collaborative Partnerships:** Schools work with local entities, including government agencies, non-profits, and businesses, to maximize resources and impact.

In August 2021, the DOE issued an RFP through PASSPort to contract multiple Lead CBOs to implement the Community School strategy. This RFP (R1365) used an innovative two-step award selection process involving school principals and School Leadership Team representatives to ensure programs met the specific needs of schools and communities.

Unlike previous RFPs, R1365 designated competition pools by NYC boroughs (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island) rather than individual schools or campuses. Vendors could select preferred school sites within a borough and submit one proposal per borough.

The RFP aimed to support 18 Community Schools, including three co-located campuses. However, the X079 campus in the Bronx opted out of becoming a Community School campus.

Out of 44 vendors, 90 proposals were evaluated, resulting in 17 contract awards to 14 vendors. funded by the City Tax Levy, addressing budget decreases from the Community Schools equitable funding formula.

In addition to the year-1 restoration amendment referenced above, the contract being amended under this RA requires City Council amendments for contract years 1 and 2. These amendments will be funded by the City Tax Levy as these sites received a budget decrease when the Community Schools equitable funding formula was applied to the contracts procured through RFP R1191. These two competitions, originally intended to be awarded under R1191, were re-released through RFP R1365, as a provider was not chosen through the R1191 process. The funding represents a two-year increase to support Community Schools to provide enhanced services prior to transitioning to their base contractual funding allocation.

DBN	All DBN + School Name	Organization	FY24 Annual Amendment Amount
32K168 32K403 32K549 32K552	32K168 _ The Brooklyn School for Math and Research 32K403 _ Academy for Excellence in Leadership 32K549 _ The Brooklyn School for Social Justice 32K552 _ The Academy of Urban Planning and Engineering	Make the Road New York	\$314,876.00

It is necessary to contract for these services because the DOE does not possess the expertise, personnel, and/or resources necessary to meet the program objectives.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Amend Community Schools Services Contracts-R1365

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-08

Estimated Annual Amendment Amount: \$84,753.00

Estimated Amendment Total: \$84,753.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12409

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Hayat Rehawi, Operations Manager, Office of Community

Lead Contracting Officer: Toby Reyes, Senior Director for Budget & Procurement, Office of Community Schools

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DBN	Organization	FY25 Amendment Amount
08X375 _ The Bronx Mathematics Preparatory School	New York Edge, Inc.	\$28,910.00
08X131 _ J.H.S. 131 Albert Einstein 08X448 _ Soundview Academy for Culture and Scholarship	Replications, Inc.	\$55,843.00

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Request for Authorization to Amend the Contract with New York City Urban Debate League, Inc. for Expanded Learning Time services

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-08

Estimated Annual Amendment Amount: \$400,000

Estimated Amendment Total: \$400,000

Funding Source: New York State Education Department ("NYSED") Extended Learning Time Grant

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 10/01/2023 – 06/30/2024; 9 Months

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12263

Vendor Name: New York City Urban Debate League, Inc.

Vendor Address: 25 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Contract Manager: Jessica Seessel, Director of Literacy, Office of Literacy Collaborative

Lead Contracting Officer: Vincent Rodriguez, Senior Program Manager, Office of Literacy Collaborative

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Jay Dyer, Procurement Consultant, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Literacy Collaborative to amend the contract with New York City Urban Debate League, Inc. ("NYCUDL") to provide services awarded through the Extended Learning Time ("ELT") program.

Discussion

The New York City Urban Debate League is one of the largest debate leagues in the nation. Their mission is to create equitable access to academic debate opportunities with a focus on students of color and students from other historically underserved communities in New York City to empower the next generation of diverse, informed, and courageous leaders.

NYCUDL provides middle school students with access to debate tournaments, support materials, virtual trainings, and on-site day-of-training debate management. The program is open to all middle school students in grades 6-8, and approximately 700 students are expected to participate.

The goals and objectives of the NYCUDL Debate Program for Middle School Students are to:

- Develop critical thinking skills
- Foster active listening skills
- Engage students in relevant topics
- Understand academic vocabulary and use it in spoken language
- Develop confidence in public speaking
- Improve research and argumentation skills

The NYCUDL Debate Program for Middle School Students will provide participating schools with the following materials:

- Starter kits
- Coaching Kits

- Debate research

The NYCUDL Debate Program for Middle School Students is a valuable program that is free to all participating schools, and it is compliant with all applicable laws and regulations.

The contract is being amended to reflect the increased funding in the 2023-2024 award year. Originally, the contract provided for a one-year base term at a cost of \$250,000, with two additional one-year renewal options of \$250,000 each, contingent upon grantor funding. However, NYSED awarded an additional \$400,000 during the 2023-2024 award year. Therefore, the contract value must be increased from the originally awarded amount to a new total of \$650,000 to incorporate this additional funding.

A competitive sealed bid was not conducted for this procurement. A contract for these services is necessary because the NYSED ELT grant specifically named this vendor for the amount stated above. To have the services provided by another party would be contrary to the grant. Pricing for the contracted services was established as part of the grant submission and award.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Amend Contract with Vendors for the Provision of Birth to Five Services

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-08

Estimated Annual Amendment Amount: \$3,231,900.00

Estimated Amendment Total: \$6,463,800.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12470

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Monique Scales, Senior Director - Operations, Division of Early Childhood Education

Lead Contracting Officer: Jodina Clanton, Senior Director, Research and Special Projects, Division of Early Childhood Education

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Ibrahim Rehawi Chief Administrator, Health & Human Services

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Early Childhood Education ("DECE") to amend certain vendor contracts for 3K & Pre-K Standard Day & Year services to provide additional hours of service daily as part of the School Day & Year ("SDY") Plus Services Pilot.

Discussion

In March 2019, the DOE released the first Request for Proposals ("RFP") for birth-to-five services, RFP R1267. Services included both extended day and year services available to income eligible children, and school day and year services available to any child eligible for Pre-K for All or 3-K for All services. The DOE also released an RFP for birth-to-five services in Covid Impacted Neighborhoods (R1344) in spring 2021, and for school day and year 3-K and Pre-K services (R1395) in the fall of 2021. Services began in July 2021 for RFPs R1267 and R1344, and services for R1395 began in July 2022. Collectively, these services comprise New York City's birth-to-five system, which provides every eligible child with free, full-day, and high-quality early care and education.

The Birth-to-five RFPs offered two types of services models. School Day & Year ("SDY") services were available to all Pre-K aged children and 3-K aged children with NYC residency for 6 hours and 20 minutes daily, for 180 days annually. Extended Day & Year ("EDY") services were available to children ages six weeks to five years old whose families meet income and other eligibility requirements based on federal and state Childcare Block Grant ("CCBG") guidelines for eight or ten hours daily, for 225 or 260 days annually.

The New York City Council and the Office of Managements and Budgets has allocated City Tax Levy funding to New York Public Schools ("NYCPS") to offer a SDY Plus ("SDY+") program to provide additional hours of service daily for approximately 2000 existing SDY Seats. The program will offer SDY programs a fixed rate of funding to provide children with an additional 3 hours and 40 minutes of care

and learning daily for the same 180 days that are planned for the SDY contract during the 2024-2025 school year.

Families living in communities with a high economic need index are typically eligible for NYCPS EDY or Head Start services in which enrollment is based on income eligibility. DECE performed a needs analysis for 3-K and Pre-K Head Start and EDY programs within zip codes that had an economic need index of 75% or higher for the school year 2024-2025. The analysis determined that there were 11 zip-codes that have an economic need index of 75% or higher and do not have any or only a small % of Head Start or EDY seats. Extending hours of service to SDY programs in these identified areas with a high economic need index and no extended day and year or Head Start seats could be extremely beneficial for families.

DECE conducted outreach to current providers with an active Birth to Five contract with SDY seats in these zip codes to see if there was expressed intent and demonstrated capacity and need to provide SDY+ services at these specific contracted locations. Programmatic and operational capacity were considered when recommending interested vendors for this program. Contracts for these services are necessary because the DOE does not possess the personnel to perform them.

DECE determined that a fixed amount of \$45 per child/daily was a fair and reasonable price to offer an additional 3 hours and 40 minutes to each of the 180 scheduled SDY days.

Site ID	Vendor Name	SDY 3K Slots	SDY 4K Slots	Increase Amount Per Child	FY25 Increase Amount	FY26 Increase Amount	Total Contract Increase Amount
XAYB	2260 LITTLE SHEPHERDS LLC D/B/A LIL INVENTORS CHILD CARE	0	70	\$45.00	\$567,000.00	\$567,000.00	\$1,134,000.00
QCQB	AppleTree Day Care Center	12	0	\$45.00	\$97,200.00	\$97,200.00	\$194,400.00
KAOV	CONGREGATION OHR SHRAGA D'VERETZKY	45	40	\$45.00	\$688,500.00	\$688,500.00	\$1,377,000.00
QAYZ	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT	15	18	\$45.00	\$267,300.00	\$267,300.00	\$534,600.00
QBHO	HOLY MOUNTAIN CHILD WORLD INC. D.B.A HOLY MOUNTAIN NURSERY	27	16	\$45.00	\$348,300.00	\$348,300.00	\$696,600.00
XAUI	Odyssey Day Care, LLC DBA Playful Discoveries, CDC	10	10	\$45.00	\$162,000.00	\$162,000.00	\$324,000.00
QAXQ	The Lutheran Church Of Our Savior	0	45	\$45.00	\$364,500.00	\$364,500.00	\$729,000.00
QAHB	The Solomon Schechter School of Queens	30	35	\$45.00	\$526,500.00	\$526,500.00	\$1,053,000.00
XBAU	Wilson Ave Day Care LLC dba Lil' Raskals Group Family Day Care	10	16	\$45.00	\$210,600.00	\$210,600.00	\$421,200.00

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extend Contract with WDS Logistics LLC D/B/A A-1 International for Transport of Goods and Equipment

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$1,654,563.61

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,654,563.61

Funding Source: Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 09/01/2025 - 08/31/2026

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12394

Vendor Name: WDS Logistics D/B/A A-1 International

Vendor Address: 10 Park Avenue West Orange NJ 07052

Contract Manager: Janice Zapinsky, Deputy Director, Contract Management, Office of School Food and Nutrition Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Lisa D'Amato, Director, Contract Management, Office of School Food and Nutrition Services

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Tara Martinez, Procurement Analyst, Transportation, Food & Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services ("OFNS") to extend contract with WDS Logistics LLC D/B/A A-1 International ("WDS") to provide vehicles and personnel to assist with transporting non-food items such as paper goods, cleaning materials, stationary supplies, and smallware items to citywide school locations on a daily basis. The vendor may also be required to transport furniture and equipment and/or food items on an as-needed basis. The current contract extension expires on August 31, 2025. The contract extension will be funded by OFNS.

Discussion

The DOE awarded a five-year term contract under Request for Bid ("B3157"), which was competitively procured in September 2018. Upon expiration of the base term on August 31, 2023, the DOE exercised its one-year contractual renewal option which expired on August 31, 2024 (together with the originally awarded contract, the "Original Contract"). Subsequently, the DOE exercised a one-year non-contractual extension per its Procurement Policy and Procedures ("PPP") Section 4-07(a) from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025. The replacement Request for Bid ("B5929") has not been released due to administrative delays and is expected to be released in Spring 2025. To ensure continuation of services, an additional non-contractual one-year extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, is required.

This contract extension may be terminated at any time, upon (30) days' written notice in the event an award is made to the replacement bid before the end of the extension period.

The replacement bid was originally broken into three (3) bids; two (2) Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBE”) Procurement Contract Method (“PCM”) and one (1) Best Value (“BV”) Request for Bid (RFB).

- Z5866 - Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises Simplified Procurement of Services for Transport of Furniture and Equipment for the Office of Food and Nutrition Services - opened March 15, 2024.
- Z5867 - Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises Simplified Procurement of Services for Pick-Up and Delivery of Refrigerated and Frozen Products for the Office of Food and Nutrition Services - opened April 26, 2024.
- B5778 - Best Value Requirements Contract for Transport of Goods and Supplies - opened February 29, 2024.

The bids could not be awarded as federal funding requirements for these Procurement Methods preclude the use of M/WBE/PCM and BV/RFB Procurement Methods, therefore, no awards have been made. The new solicitation will not include BV provision and New York City Administrative Code § 6-129 MWBE Subcontracting Goals due to federal law and federal funding requirements.

The estimated extension amount is based on FY25 expenditure data for Transport of Goods and Equipment delivered to schools.

The original unit pricing, which was determined to be fair and reasonable, will remain in effect, with adjustments in accordance with the original contract. Contract pricing for WDS is based on the Producer Price Index (“PPI”) - Other Specialized Trucking.

OFNS has confirmed that WDS has provided satisfactory services under their subject contract.

On June 4, 2025, the Chancellor’s Committee on Contracts recommended extending the contract with WDS.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

WDS Logistics, LLC

A review of WDS Logistics, LLC’s (WDS) PASSPort submission identified the following caution:

- From 2021 to 2022, affiliate Greenwich Logistics LLC (Greenwich) was investigated by the United States District Court Northern California for allegedly violating California Labor Laws. The case was dismissed in September 2022.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor’s overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Sam Tell & Son, Inc., for Heavy Duty Cafeteria and Kitchen Equipment – B2873

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$8,170,411.93

Estimated Total Amount: \$8,170,411.93

Funding Source: Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 10/01/2025 - 09/30/2026

Options: None **Options Amount:** None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12407

Vendor Name: Sam Tell & Son, Inc.

Vendor Address: 300 Smith Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735

Contract Manager: Janice Zapinsky, Deputy Director, Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Lisa D'Amato, Director, Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Tara Martinez, Procurement Analyst, Transportation, Food & Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services ("OFNS") to extend its contract with Sam Tell & Son, Inc. ("Sam Tell") to provide and deliver heavy duty cafeteria and kitchen equipment delivered to school cafeterias, food preparation areas, and the OFNS warehouse. The current contract extension is set to expire on September 30, 2025. This extension will be funded by OFNS.

Discussion

The Office of Food and Nutrition Services ("OFNS") requests an extension of time to allow for a re-bid for the purchase of cooking and refrigeration units, salad bars, food cutters, beverage dispensers, ice machines, mobile hot servers, and mobile wire shelving, etc.

The DOE released a replacement bid ("B5695") in August 2023 applying the Best Value ("BV") Procurement Method. A total of six (6) bids were received. Five (5) bids were determined non-responsive because bidders failed to comply with all material terms and conditions of the solicitation and all material requirements of the specifications. After carefully reviewing the bid submissions, it was determined that no award would be made as it was believed such an action would be in the best interest of the DOE. Furthermore, the replacement bid could not be awarded as federal funding requirements for this procurement preclude the use of BV Procurement Method.

The second replacement re-bid ("B5896") has not been released due to administrative delays. To ensure continuation of services, an additional one-year non-contractual extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, is required.

The original contract was competitively procured in January 2018 under Request for Bids (“RFB”) - B2873. Upon expiration of the base term on December 31, 2022, the DOE exercised its 270-day contractual renewal option, which expired September 30, 2023 (together with the originally awarded contract, the “Original Contract”). Subsequently, the DOE exercised a one-year non-contractual extension per its Procurement Policy and Procedures (“PPP”) Section 4-07(a) from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, followed by an additional one-year non-contractual extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) through September 30, 2025.

The replacement bid has not been released due to administrative delays and is expected to be released in late Spring or early Summer 2025. This contract extension may be terminated at any time, upon thirty (30) days’ written notice in the event an award is made to the replacement bid before the end of the extension period.

The estimated extension amount is based on FY25 expenditure data projections for Fiscal Year 2026 for equipment and delivery to schools and OFNS warehouse. The original unit pricing, which was determined to be fair and reasonable, will remain in effect during the proposed contract extension, with any applicable adjustments in accordance with the original contract. See Table below:

Vendor Name	Contract Nos.	Total Extension Amount
Sam Tell & Son, Inc.	B2873	\$8,071,306.33
	B2873A	\$99,105.60
	Total Amount	\$8,170,411.93

OFNS has confirmed that Sam Tell has provided satisfactory services under their subject contract.

On June 4, 2025, the Chancellor’s Committee on Contracts recommended extending the contracts with Sam Tell.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extension Agreement for the Provision of Pre-Kindergarten For All and/or 3-K For All Services

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$14,997,975.16

Estimated Total Amount: \$14,997,975.16

Funding Source: Various, including Tax Levy, NYS Education Department

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12357

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Monique Scales, Senior Director - Operations, Division of Early Childhood Education

Lead Contracting Officer: Jodina Clanton, Senior Director, Research and Special Projects, Division of Early Childhood Education

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Ibrahim Rehawi, Chief Administrator, Health and Human Services

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Early Childhood Education (“DECE”) to extend contracts with the vendors listed below for one additional year to provide high-quality instructional programming as part of the Pre-K for All and 3-K for All programs. These contracts will be funded by DECE.

Discussion

In 1997, the New York State Education Department established the Universal Prekindergarten (“UPK”) program, which entitles eligible four-year-olds to receive 2 hours and 30 minutes of instructional programming for 180 days at no charge to families. In March 2014, the State legislature approved a \$300 million grant to expand full-day pre-kindergarten access in New York City. The legislation allows for high-quality UPK programs to be awarded new full-day UPK seats or to convert existing half-day seats to full-day seats.

The vendors listed below were awarded contracts through various solicitations in order for these sites to provide Pre-K for All services. These contracts contained set terms and renewal options which were exhausted, then extended for school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025, and will reach the end of their current contract term in June 2024. In order to avoid service interruption within areas where there is demand for Pre-K for All and 3-K for All services, existing sites with contracts expiring contracts with no further renewal options and whom have exhausted the 4-07(a) and/or 4-07(b) one year extension, were given the option to extend their contracts for one additional year. These contract extensions include full-day and half-day Pre-K for All, full-day 3-K for all and Pre-K for All in charter schools. These sites have met the Department of Education (“DOE”)’s requirements for a contract extension, but will need to submit a proposal in response to an upcoming RFP for Pre-K and/or 3-K for All services if they want to continue providing services upon the expiration of this extension term.

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Since the contracts for these services were awarded pursuant to a competitive solicitation, the prices, terms, and conditions of the base contract will remain the same under the proposed extension. Therefore, pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

The original contract amounts were based on the number of awarded Pre-K and/or 3-K seats and the negotiated costs per child, as determined collaboratively by the DOE and the vendors. Vendors offering DOE-contracted early childhood education services, including Pre-K and 3-K for all, don't have the ability to restrict who attends as all contracted vendors are required to follow DOE's enrollment policies and participate in the DOE's enrollment system.

The Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended the approval of these contract extensions at the meeting held on June 4, 2025.

Awards for both Pre-K for All and 3-K for All programs

Site ID	Vendor Name	No. of Awarded 3K seats	3K Cost Per Child	No. of Awarded 4K seats	4K Cost Per Child	Pay Parity Year 1	Pay Parity Year 2	Annual Total Contract Amount
KAAS	Associated Beth Rivkah School for Girls, Inc.	0	-	80	\$3,902.00	-	-	\$312,160.00
MABK	Association to Benefit Children	0	-	18	\$3,358.00	-	-	\$60,444.00
MAWM	Association to Benefit Children	0	-	40	\$5,534.00	-	-	\$221,360.00
KABD	BAIS TZIPORAH INC		-	15	\$3,996.00	-	-	\$59,940.00
KABF	BAIS YAAKOV ACADEMY	0	-	60	\$3,928.00	-	-	\$235,680.00
KBKW	Bais Yaakov Faigeh Schonberger of Adas Yereim	0	-	20	\$3,620.00	-	-	\$72,400.00
KCRV	Brooklyn Chinese-American Association, Inc.	0	-	36	\$3,800	-	-	\$136,800.00
KCEB	Brooklyn Chinese-American Association, Inc.	0	-	36	\$3,864.00	-	-	\$57,960.00
84K789	Compass Charter School	0	-	36	\$9,832.00	\$2,408.00	\$1,741.00	\$358,101.00
84M382	DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	36	\$12,763.00	-	-	\$459,468.00
84M518	East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School	0	-	54	\$10,948.00	\$4,201.00	\$2,863.00	\$598,256.00
84M168	East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School	0	-	36	\$9,744.00	\$4,201.00	\$5,610.00	\$360,595.00
84M085	GLOBAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	36	\$10,910.00	\$3,943.00	\$8,917.00	\$405,620.00
84M329	Harlem Link Charter School	0	-	36	\$10,122.31	\$4,270.00	\$17,275.00	\$385,948.16
84K362	Hellenic Classical Charter Schools	0	-	18	\$10,233.39	\$4,200.00	-	\$188,401.02
84K785	IMAGINE ME LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	30	\$12,999.00	-	\$1,874.00	\$391,844.00
RAAA	Institute of The Sisters of St. Dorothy, Inc.	0	-	18	\$4,200.03	-	-	\$75,600.54
MAMQ	Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Inc	60	\$14,282.00	80	\$11,901.00	-	-	\$1,809,000.00
84X394	MOTT HAVEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	36	\$12,736.84	\$9,030.00	\$3,201.00	\$470,757.24
84M483	New York French American Charter School	0	-	36	\$12,377.00	-	\$2,589.00	\$448,161.00
84Q170	Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School	0	-	54	\$10,375.00	\$14,353.00	\$7,194.00	\$581,797.00
KAIT	prospect park yeshiva Inc	0	-	35	\$3,901.70	-		\$136,559.50
84X465	PUBLIC PREP CHARTER SCHOOL ACADEMIES	0	-	80	\$11,333.00	-	\$3,624.10	\$910,264.10
84X487	Public Prep Charter School Academies	0	-	78	\$10,281.00	\$12,720.00	\$4,457.40	\$819,095.40

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84Q342	ROCHDALE EARLY ADVANTAGE CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	36	\$14,356.00	-	\$5,322.00	\$522,138.00
84X718	The Bronx Charter School for Better Learning	0	-	18	\$10,000.00	\$3,996.00	\$12,519.00	\$196,515.00
MAUA	The Educational Alliance, Inc.	75	\$12,891.00	72	\$10,742.00	\$87,232.00	\$35,368.00	\$1,862,849.00
84X633	WILDFLOWER NEW YORK CHARTER SCHOOL	0	-	9	\$12,600.00	-	-	\$113,400.00
KBOQ	Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Inc.	0	-	24	\$3,600.00	-	-	\$86,400.00
KBVX	Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Inc.	0	-	54	\$3,600.00	-	-	\$194,400.00
KBXU	Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Inc.	0	-	12	\$3,600.00			\$43,200.00
KAOQ	Yeshiva of Kings Bay Inc.	0	-	18	\$3,877.00			\$69,786.00
KBWW	YOUNG MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION OF WILLIAMSBURG, INC.	0	-	90	\$4,125.28			\$371,275.20
84M373	ZETA CHARTER SCHOOLS - NEW YORK CITY	0	-	108	\$18,350.00			\$1,981,800.00

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Inc.

A review of Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Inc.'s (Lenox Hill) PASSPort submission revealed the following caution:

- In August 2022, The New York City Department of Investigations (DOI) made a referral to the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) regarding a potential violation of the conflict-of-interest and nepotism policy. DHS advised that it reviewed the policies to ensure it aligned with the requirements of the standard contract and confirmed that there were no violations found.

As the matter above has been resolved, and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

The Educational Alliance, Inc.

A February 2022 news report revealed a lawsuit against The Educational Alliance, Inc. (TEA) by a former employee related to allegations of pay discrimination. In August 2023, the case was dismissed but was later appealed by the plaintiff. The vendor advised that all parties reached a confidential settlement without admission of guilt, and the matter is closed.

As the matter above has been resolved and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center, Inc.

The following information was identified for Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Inc. (YvY):

- A December 2022 news article, citing a 2015 New York State Office of the Comptroller (NYS Comptroller) preschool special education services audit, discussed several allegations against YvY, including claims that YvY misallocated program funds to run a community gym, provided donations to religious schools that referred students to its company, and had its special education providers participate in religious instruction. The vendor denied misusing funds and

requested a reconsideration of the state auditors' findings. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) determined that YvY met the criteria for reapproval to continue providing services to preschool students with disabilities. YvY informed this office that schools do not refer families to YvY on a quid pro quo basis and that YvY only awards grants to schools that apply and meet YvY's selection criteria. YvY maintained that its providers' services address the unique needs of students as mandated by their IEPs and do not include religious instruction.

- A December 31, 2015 NYS Comptroller financial audit found that YvY claimed approximately \$3 million in ineligible expenses for reimbursement over three years, ending June 30, 2014. The NYS Comptroller recommended that the NYSED review the audit's recommended disallowances and recoup the money through adjustments to YvY's reimbursement rates. NYSED advised that revised rates have not yet been approved. Once NYSED does so, the DOE will use the revised rate to determine the amount that needs to be recovered from the vendor.

Since the release of the news article, no law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies have substantiated the allegations or arrested or charged YvY or its current owners with a crime. Additionally, as NYSED has not yet approved the revised reimbursement rates to recoup the monies owed, and YvY continues providing satisfactory services under its existing contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extend Contracts with Multiple Vendors to Provide School-Based Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Services for High Need Schools – R1181

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$1,737,080.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,737,080.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026; 1 Year

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12413

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Michael Fikes, Senior Operations Manager, Office of School Health

Lead Contracting Officer: Stephanie Wand, Assistant Director, Office of School Health

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Elizabeth Robles Perez, Procurement Analyst, Health and Human Services Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of School Health (“OSH”) to extend contracts with the vendors listed below to provide school-based mental health treatment, crisis intervention services, and related supplemental services to students and their families in high need schools.

Discussion

OSH works in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH”) to offer innovative interventions for New York City High Need Schools (“HNS”). One such program is the School Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Program (“SMHPIP”), which works with school leaders to support the implementation and expansion of mental health services provided to all students at HNS. This is achieved using a multiple-service approach to improve both school climate and services to students with emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs. This program builds on OSH’s partnership with clinics, hospitals, educational institutions, and/or Community-Based Organizations to increase student access to mental health services, and encourage greater family engagement through community referrals, family therapy, parent workshops, and trainings.

In 2017, the DOE released an Expedited Competitive Solicitation (“ECS”) for these services, which resulted in 15 contracts for a term of two years each; all of which expired on September 6, 2019. Pursuant to the DOE’s Procurement Policy and Procedures (“PPP”) Section 4-07(a), the DOE extended 14 of the 15 contracts (one vendor declined to extend) for a term of nine months and 24 days, expiring on June 30, 2020, to align with the end of the fiscal year. Subsequently, the DOE extended 13 of the remaining 14 contracts pursuant to PPP Section 4-07(b) for a term of one year expiring on June 30, 2021 – one contract, Wediko Children’s Services, Inc. (“Wediko”), could not be extended at that time pending confirmation and details of an anticipated contract assignment. Thereafter, the DOE further extended the 13 contracts pursuant to a second 4-07(b) non-contractual extension for a term of two

years expiring June 30, 2023. Later on, the Wediko contract was then extended pursuant to its first 4-07(b) non-contractual extension for a term of three years (07/01/2020 – 06/30/2023) to align with the other contracts under this program; the DOE then proceeded with a contract assignment of the Wediko contract as a result of it merging with another organization, resulting in the new legal entity The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc. (“The Home”).

A one-year extension for the 2 contracts is necessary to maintain uninterrupted services until new contract awards are made through the upcoming RFP solicitation (R1287), expected later this year. This extension ensures continuity while the procurement process, including development, release, evaluation, recommendation, approval, and registration of new contracts, is completed.

The requested extensions will have the same terms, conditions, and unit pricing as the original, competitively awarded contracts. The requested extension amounts are based on the unit costs established under the original contracts and usage levels over the past two fiscal years. As the original contract’s unit prices, which were previously determined to be fair and reasonable, remain unchanged, pricing for these extensions is therefore determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor names and extension amounts are listed below.

Vendor Name	Contract Number	Estimated # Students FY26	Estimated FY26 Spend	1-Year Extension Amount
Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, Inc.	9874986	20,412	\$1,249,906	\$1,523,510
New York Founding d/b/a The New York Foundling	9976861	2373	\$213,570	\$213,570
Estimated total number of students (FY26)		22,515		
			Total FY26 Estimate	\$1,737,080.00

It is necessary to contract for these services because the DOE does not have the expertise, personnel, and/or resources to meet the program’s objectives.

On April 3, 2025, the Committee on Contracts recommended to extend the contracts with the above vendors for school-based mental health treatment, crisis intervention services, and related supplemental services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, Inc.

A review of Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, Inc.’s (Jewish Board) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- From March 2018 to October 2022, Jewish Board was investigated by the United States Department of Justice Southern District of New York Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice Southern District of New York Civil Division, New York City Commission on Human Rights, and New York Division of Human Rights relating to a grand jury subpoena, compliance regulations, and allegations of discrimination. The investigations have been closed.
- From January 2020 to December 2024, Jewish Board was found in violation with fines ranging from \$1,200 to \$4,250 by the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) relating to fire and building codes. All fines have been paid in full.

PASSPort also revealed the following information from the New York City Department of Social Services (DSS) responsibility determination (RD):

- A January 2020 news report revealed a lawsuit was filed by a Jewish Board employee relating to allegations of sexual harassment. The vendor advised that in January 2023, the matter was dismissed with prejudice.

The DOE is aware of the following information:

- A June 2019 news report revealed a lawsuit against the Jewish Board for employee discrimination. The vendor advised that in March 2024 the case was dismissed.

In light of the resolution of the matters above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extend Contract for Removal and Transfer of Cafeteria and Kitchen Equipment- B2985

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$538,929.66

Estimated Total Amount: \$538,929.66

Funding Source: Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 11/01/2025 – 10/31/2026; 1 Year

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12408

Vendor Name: Natale Group LTD.

Vendor Address: 2095 Expressway Drive N. Hauppauge, NY 11788

Contract Manager: Janice Zapinsky, Deputy Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Lisa D'Amato, Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Fior Castellon, Procurement Analyst

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services ("OFNS") to extend the contract with the above referenced vendor for removal and transfer of heavy-duty cafeteria and kitchen equipment at various DOE school locations and other properties citywide. The current contract extension is set to expire on October 31, 2025. This extension will be funded by OFNS.

Discussion

The DOE previously awarded a five-year contract under Request for Bids ("RFB") - B2985 with vendor Triple Crown Maffucci Storage Corp. ("Triple Crown"), which was competitively procured in February of 2018, for removal and disposal of equipment including those applicable to Freon recovery. In addition, it provided transfers of any type of heavy-duty cafeteria and kitchen equipment (refrigeration or non-refrigeration) from one location to another. Upon expiration of the base term on January 31, 2023, the DOE exercised its 270-day contractual extension option which expired October 31, 2023 (together with the originally awarded contract, the "Original Contract"). Subsequently, the DOE exercised a one-year non-contractual extension per its Procurement Policy and Procedures ("PPP") Section 4-07(a) from November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2024, followed by an additional one-year non-contractual extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) through October 31, 2025. During this extension period, Triple Crown requested to assign their contract to Natale Group LTD, which was approved in May 2025, due to business reorganization.

A replacement bid was originally released in April 2024 as a Best Value ("BV") Request for Bid ("RFB"). The bid could not be awarded as federal funding requirements for this Procurement precludes the use of BV Procurement Method.

The second replacement re-bid Request for Bids (“B5923”) has not been released due to administrative delays. To ensure continuation of services, an additional non-contractual one-year extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) from November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, is required to maintain service to DOE’s cafeterias and kitchen locations while the new procurement is finalized. The contract award and registration process is anticipated to be completed by expiration of this extension. The new solicitation will not include BV provision and New York City Administrative Code § 6-129 MWBE Subcontracting Goals due to federal law and federal funding requirements. This solicitation includes eight (8) Aggregate Classes (ACs) and will be released in late spring to early Summer of 2025.

The estimated extension amount is \$538,929.66 based on past usage and FY24-25 actual spend. The current unit pricing, which was determined to be fair and reasonable, will remain in effect during the contract extension with any applicable price adjustments in accordance with the contract.

OFNS has confirmed that Natale Group LTD has the capacity to provide services under this contract.

On June 4, 2025, the Committee on Contracts recommended extending the contract with Natale Group LTD.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Natale Group LTD

A May 2024 news article revealed that a class action lawsuit was filed against Natale Group LTD (Natale) for unpaid wages, unpaid overtime compensation and unlawful labor practices under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law. The vendor advised that all parties reached a settlement and the matter was dismissed.

As the matter above has been resolved, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extend a Contract with JPC Logistics LLC., dba JPCL
Engineering LLC for Special Inspection Services of Facilities – R1044

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$1,277,001.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,277,001.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 04/30/2025 – 10/29/2026; 18 Months

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12396

Vendor Name: JPC Logistics LLC dba JPCL Engineering LLC

Vendor Address: 2 Clerico Lane, BLDG#1, Hillsborough, New Jersey, 08844

Contract Manager: Thomas Kallergis, Director of Contract Administration, Division of School Facilities

Lead Contracting Officer: Jay Bastien, Interim Executive Director of Contracts & Performance, Division of School Facilities

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Beverly Newman, Administrative Procurement Analyst, Transportation, Food & Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of School Facilities (“DSF”) to extend the contract with JPC Logistics LLC (“JPCL”) to provide Inspection Services for Maintenance and Construction work in schools and other DOE buildings. Funding for the cost of the extension for which authorization is being requested (the “Requested Extension”) will be provided by DSF.

Discussion

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) previously approved a contract (the “Original Contract”) under Request for Proposal R1044 (the “RFP”) for these services in April of 2017. In April 2022 & 2023, the DOE exercised the two, one-year extension in the Original Contract term, followed by an additional one-year extension pursuant to section 4-07(a) of the DOE’s Procurement Policy and Procedures (“PPP”). In order to ensure continuity of service, an additional extension is required to maintain services. The current contract expired on April 29, 2025, the DOE’s PPP, Section 4-07(b) allows for such extension.

To ensure the safety of its buildings, the DOE must comply with modifications to the Department of Building (“DOB”) code, which has been expanded to include, but not limited to, standpipe systems, sprinkler systems, fire block systems, fire alarm tests, emergency power systems, mechanical systems, fuel-oil storage, and piping systems. Special inspections must be performed by qualified inspectors with accredited Special Inspection Agencies (“SIA”) registered with the DOB. The SIA must objectively review design documents, obtain work permits, perform inspections, and certify that completed work complies with all applicable sections of the Building Code and Appendix A of 1 RCNY 101-6.

A decision was made to contract for these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program efficiently.

A replacement procurement was released, but no award was made in the best interest of the DOE and, to avoid a lapse in services, the DOE is seeking an additional 1-year extension. A new procurement is under development and will be released as an RFP, and will include the 10% MWBE point preference and Administrative Code 6-129 subcontracting requirements.

Prices under the Current Contract were determined to be fair and reasonable because the current contract was awarded under a competitive procurement involving six (6) proposal. Hence, the prices under the Requested Extension have been determined to be fair and reasonable.

The extension value is calculated based on historical usage. The estimated cost of the Requested Extension is based on the same unit prices as those set forth in the Current Contract, adjusted according to its terms.

DSF has determined that the Contractor has performed satisfactorily to date.

The Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended the approval of the contract extension with JPCL on June 4, 2025.

[Vendor Responsibility](#)

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Extend Contract for Continued Support of the WebSMARTT Menu Planning and Production Software- RFP-R0942

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$49,257.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$49,257.00

Funding Source: Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 09/01/2025 – 08/31/2026

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12368

Vendor Name: Heartland Payment Systems, LLC DBA Heartland Schools Solutions

Vendor Address: 10 Glenlake Pkwy NE N Tower Atlanta, GA 30328

Contract Manager: Janice Zapinsky, Deputy Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Lisa D'Amato, Director of Contract Management, Office of Food and Nutrition Services

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Fior Castellon, Procurement Analyst

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (“OFNS”) to extend the contract with vendor Heartland Payment Systems, LLC DBA Heartland Schools Solutions to provide continued support of the WebSMARTT Menu Planning and Production software. The current contract is set to expire on August 31, 2025. This extension will be funded by OFNS.

Discussion

The DOE previously awarded a five-year contract for the subject product with the subject vendor under Request for Proposals (“RFP”) – R0942 in September 2014 covering the purchase of an enterprise license, which included the WebSMARTT Menu Planning and Production software module, a USDA-approved nutrient analysis software for menu planning functions (certification of compliance), in addition to point of sale and ordering/inventory modules.

Upon expiration of the base term on August 31, 2019, the DOE exercised its three one-year renewals which expired August 31, 2022, (together with the originally awarded contract, the “Original Contract”) covering the maintenance and support of the software modules, under the contract. Subsequently, the DOE exercised a one-year non-contractual extension per its Procurement Policy and Procedures (“PPP”) Section 4-07(a) from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023, to provide continued support of the WEBSMARTT Menu Planning and Production software module only, followed by an additional two-year non-contractual extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) through August 31, 2025.

This contract extension will ensure OFNS’ continued use of the WebSMARTT Menu Planning and Production software allowing the DOE to comply with USDA meal pattern guidelines and NYC Food

Standards requirements, such as added sugar analysis. Without this application, OFNS would not be able to conduct weighted nutrient analysis required by USDA Child Nutrition Program standards, menu planning, menu pricing, recipe creation and analysis, product/ingredient tracking, and product allergen/attribute identification.

The WebSMARTT Menu planning and production software is hosted at DOE (Not cloud) and doesn't involve PII data. Support and maintenance include upgrades and fixes to the software as well as individual assistance. Support is administered by the Vendor.

The extension amount is \$49,257 for one year software maintenance and was determined based upon the contracted cost per site multiplied by the number of citywide sites. The annual software support maintenance includes routine upgrades, ongoing development work for added sugar requirements set forth under the NYC standards, and availability of a single point of contact for OFNS.

The vendor has agreed to continue providing this service at the same terms, conditions, and prices during the extension period. As such, the prices are determined to be fair and reasonable.

OFNS will reassess the continued need to rely on this software before the expiration of this contract extension. A negotiated service procurement will be prepared, if the DOE is required to continue using this software to comply with USDA meal pattern guidelines and NYC Food Standards.

OFNS is working with DIIT on an enterprise solution which may replace the current software. A pilot program including 12 schools will test back of the house technology which is a portion of the enterprise solution in the Fall of 2025. It is anticipated that the completion of the new system will be in place by 2027/2028.

OFNS has confirmed that Heartland Payment Systems, LLC DBA Heartland Schools Solutions has provided satisfactory services under their contract.

On June 4, 2025, the Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended extending the contract with Heartland Payment Systems, LLC DBA Heartland Schools Solutions.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Heartland Payment Systems, LLC

A January 2021 news article revealed that a class action suit was filed against Heartland Payment Systems LLC, (Heartland) due to an alleged breach of contract for violating the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act (N.J.S.A). On May 27, 2025, the matter was dismissed.

As the matter above has been dismissed, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with CNC Consulting, Inc. for the Provision of IT Support Services

Procurement Method: MWBE Procurement and Contract Method Purchases per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$182,000.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$364,000.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 2 Years

Options: Two, 2-Year

Options Amount: \$728,000.00

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12374

Vendor Name: CNC Consulting, Inc.

Vendor Address: 50 E. Palisade Ave, Ste. 422, Englewood, NJ 07631

Contract Manager: Steven Stein, Director of Vendor Management, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Lead Contracting Officer: Nadia Molinari, Deputy CIO, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Kesse Wallace, Strategic Sourcing Supervisor, Division of Contracts and Purchasing

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization to enter into a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”) Procurement and Contract Method Purchase with CNC Consulting, Inc. (“CNC”), a certified Minority-Owned Enterprise. CNC will be responsible for the provision of one (1) Data Center Technician to support IT-related efforts for the Division of Instructional & Information Technology (“DIIT”). The contract will be funded by DIIT.

Discussion

DIIT is responsible for supporting the DOE’s data center network infrastructure, which hosts applications and services and provides internet connectivity for all teachers, students, and administrators citywide. The Data Center Technician will provide support for the Data Center Operations Team by racking & stacking, cabling, and maintaining infrastructure in the data centers.

DIIT requires professional services to support the following:

- Implementing data center upgrades to support internet bandwidth initiatives and expansion of the hosting infrastructure
- Deploying data center network infrastructure
- Configuring and testing the network infrastructure
- Migrating the legacy network connectivity to new infrastructure
- Decommissioning legacy network equipment

The DOE solicited fifty-seven (57) Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”) vendors to submit candidates for this request. Eleven (11) proposals were received from CNC, Evergreen Technologies LLC, Infojini, Inc. InfoPeople Corporation, Interactive Communications LLC, K Systems Solutions LLC, Peer Consulting Resources, Inc., Raj Technologies, Inc., Rangam Consultants, Inc., Synergistic Systems, Inc., and Visionaryz, Inc. The Evaluation Committee (“Committee”) consisting of three members from DIIT reviewed the resumes and requested to interview three (3) candidates. The Committee interviewed the candidates in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Experience	40%
Technical Ability	30%
Cost	30%
Total	100%

The committee determined that the candidate proposed by CNC exhibited thorough experience and technical ability and provided the most advantageous offer to the DOE. As a result, the candidate proposed by CNC was selected for award.

The DOE compared the rate proposed for this effort to the average rates under the New York City Office of Technology Innovation (“OTI”) contracts for Systems Integration Services (“SI”) and determined that the proposed rate is lower than the average rate for an identical or similar title under OTI’s SI contracts. Therefore, pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with SVAM International, Inc. for the Provision of IT Support Services

Procurement Method: MWBE Procurement and Contract Method Purchases per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$995,200.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$995,200.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 1 Year

Options: One, 6-Month

Options Amount: \$497,600.00

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12300

Vendor Name: SVAM International, Inc.

Vendor Address: 233 East Shore Road, Suite 201, Great Neck, NY 11023

Contract Manager: Steven Stein, Director of Vendor Management, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Lead Contracting Officer: Nadia Molinari, Deputy CIO, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Kesse Wallace, Strategic Sourcing Supervisor, Division of Contracts and Purchasing

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization to enter into a Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”) Procurement and Contract Method Purchase with SVAM International, Inc. (SVAM), a certified Minority-Owned Enterprise. SVAM will be responsible for supporting IT-related efforts for the Division of Instructional & Information Technology (“DIIT”). The contract will be funded by DIIT.

Discussion

DIIT is responsible for maintaining the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (“OFNS”) applications that ensure students receive necessary nutritional services daily. The Food Service Business Analytics (“FSBA”) System Enhancements and Operational Support Project aims to implement key enhancements that streamline operational business needs for analytics, ad hoc reporting, and the development of additional pipelines for multiple application integrations. These improvements will increase the efficiency of reporting, support key management decisions, help business owners make more informed decisions, improve application efficiency, reduce costs within OFNS programs, and enhance access to data, ultimately improving the user experience.

SVAM will be responsible for supporting the following project goals:

- Providing development support and system modifications to automate and improve the FSBA System

- Supporting the development of related and integrated school food systems
- Supporting security enhancements and upgrades
- Creating technical documentation for school food applications
- Managing and resolving Tier 3 support tickets
- Providing development support for Robot Automation Process (“RAP”) improvements across various applications
- Creating and enhancing RAP configurations and scripting automation enhancements

The DOE solicited fifty-seven (57) M/WBE vendors for this request. Ten (10) proposals were received from SVAM, Dice IT Solutions LLC dba TechProjects, Interactive Communications & Systems (USA), Inc., InfoPeople Corporation, Peer Consulting Resources, Inc., Raj Technologies, Inc., RK Software, Inc., Tech Smart Solutions LLC, US Net Technologies, Inc., and Visionaryz, Inc. An evaluation committee (Committee) consisting of three members from DIIT reviewed the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Experience/Capacity	40%
Program Plan	30%
Cost	30%
Total	100%

The Committee determined that the proposal submitted by SVAM exhibited thorough experience and technical ability and provided the most advantageous offer to the DOE. As a result, SVAM was selected for an award.

The DOE compared the rate proposed for this effort to the average rates under the New York City Office of Technology Innovation (“OTI”) contracts for Systems Integration Services (“SI”) and determined that the proposed rate is lower than the average rate for an identical or similar title under OTI’s SI contracts. Therefore, pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

SVAM International, Inc.

From September to October 2024, numerous new articles reported an investigation by federal authorities regarding a potential conflict of interest related to Pearl Alliance, a consulting firm owned by Terence Banks of which SVAM International, Inc. (SVAM) was a client. The vendor advised that the agreement with the firm lasted two months and the company did not assist SVAM with obtaining any city contracts. Additionally, the vendor attested that it has not engaged in any wrongdoing and are not the subject of any investigations by governmental or law enforcement authorities.

In light of SVAMs attestation, no previously known allegations of conflict of interest and its longstanding relationship with the DOE before the above investigation, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with JSM Consulting, Inc. d/b/a JSM Consulting NY for the Provision of IT Support Services

Procurement Method: MWBE Procurement and Contract Method Purchases per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$218,400.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$436,800.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 2 Years

Options: Two, 2-Year

Options Amount: \$873,600.00

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12376

Vendor Name: JSM Consulting, Inc. dba JSM Consulting NY

Vendor Address: 65 Station Rd, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Contract Manager: Steven Stein, Director of Vendor Management, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Lead Contracting Officer: Nadia Molinari, Deputy CIO, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Kesse Wallace, IT Sourcing Coordinator, Division of Contracts and Purchasing

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization to enter into a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise ("M/WBE") Procurement and Contract Method Purchase with JSM Consulting, Inc. dba JSM Consulting NY ("JSM"), a certified Minority-Owned Enterprise. JSM will be responsible for the provision of one (1) Network Security Engineer ("Engineer") to support IT-related efforts for the Division of Instructional & Information Technology ("DIIT"). The contract will be funded by DIIT.

Discussion

DIIT requires IT professional services to support day-to-day operational needs for critical business functions and objectives in the Network Operations Center. JSM will be responsible for configuring a hybrid cloud data center, as well as ongoing monitoring of the cloud network security posture in the organization. Additionally, JSM will propose improvements to the network and provide strategic input to overall network planning and related projects to eliminate vulnerabilities.

JSM will support DIIT to accomplish the following project goals:

1. Data Center Modernization – Upgrading and modernizing core data centers and building out a hybrid cloud architecture
2. Application Support Services – Providing support to application developers, who are continually delivering new applications with stringent deadlines, that require assistance with load-balancing, problem resolution, and performance testing

3. Security Operations Development – Collaborating with internal teams and external agencies to develop an operational framework for remediating or mitigating security vulnerabilities to protect DIIT assets

The DOE solicited fifty-eight (58) Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”) vendors to submit candidates for this request. Seventeen (17) proposals were received from JSM, CNC Consulting, Inc., Dice IT Solutions LLC dba TechProjects, Diverse Lynx LLC, Evergreen Technologies LLC, Infojini, Inc., InfoPeople Corporation, Interactive Communications & Systems USA Inc, K Systems Solutions LLC, Peer Consulting Resources, Inc., Raj Technologies, Inc., Rangam Consultants, Inc., RK Software, Inc., SVAM International, Inc., Synergistic Systems, Inc., Tech Smart Solutions LLC, and Visionaryz, Inc. An Evaluation Committee (“Committee”), consisting of three members from DIIT, requested to interview three (3) candidates in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Experience	40%
Technical Ability	30%
Cost	30%
Total	100%

The committee determined that the candidate proposed by JSM exhibited thorough experience and technical ability and provided the most advantageous offer to the DOE. As a result, the candidate proposed by JSM was selected for award.

The DOE compared the rate proposed for this effort to the average rates under the New York City Office of Technology Innovation (“OTI”) contracts for Systems Integration Services (“SI”) and determined that the proposed rate is lower than the average rate for an identical or similar title under OTI’s SI contracts. Therefore, pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Rangam Consultants, Inc. for the Provision of IT Support Services

Procurement Method: MWBE Procurement and Contract Method Purchases per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$777,518.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$777,518.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 10 Months

Options: One, 6-Month

Options Amount: \$466,510.80

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12373

Vendor Name: Rangam Consultants, Inc.

Vendor Address: 270 Davidson Ave., Suite 103, Somerset, NJ 08873

Contract Manager: Steven Stein, Director of Vendor Management, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Lead Contracting Officer: Nadia Molinari, Deputy CIO, Division of Instructional and Information Technology

Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Kesse Wallace, Strategic Sourcing Supervisor, Division of Contracts and Purchasing

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization to enter into a Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”) Procurement and Contract Method Purchase with Rangam Consultants, Inc. (“Rangam”), a certified Minority-Owned Enterprise. Rangam will be responsible for supporting IT-related efforts for the Division of Instructional & Information Technology (“DIIT”). The contract will be funded by DIIT.

Discussion

The Public Schools Athletic League (“PSAL”) platform provides opportunities for student education in the areas of physical fitness, character development, and socialization through athletic programs that foster teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. Currently, the process for determining student-athlete eligibility in PSAL athletics is manual, labor-intensive, and prone to errors which negatively impact students, families, and school communities. The DOE aims to automate this eligibility process to simplify operations, reduce errors, and provide better accessibility to families and staff.

Rangam will be responsible for supporting the following project goals for PSAL:

- Developing a digital, automated system for determining student-athlete eligibility, integrating with existing systems, including New York City Schools Account (“NYCSA”) and Student Profile (“SP”) applications. This system will consider various factors such as age, grades, attendance, and accumulated credits.

- Creating digital forms to enable families to submit necessary documents, such as consent and physical exam forms, and allow staff to input eligibility information on behalf of families.
- Designing and implementing a module within SP to generate reports that track and manage student eligibility for PSAL athletics.
- Developing user interfaces to display eligibility status in both NYCSA (for families) and SP (for school, district, and central staff).
- Replacing the legacy PSAL module used for roster selection with a modern .NET application, aligning the new system with the automated eligibility process.
- Providing comprehensive testing, including functional, security, and performance testing, followed by deployment of the new system. This includes developing self-guided training materials for end-users and administrators.

The DOE solicited fifty-eight (58) M/WBE vendors for this request. Five (5) proposals were received from Rangam, Manifest Technologies, Inc. dba Manifest Consulting, Peer Consulting Resources, Inc., Raj Technologies, and Visionaryz, Inc. An evaluation committee (“Committee”) consisting of three members from DIIT reviewed the proposals in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in the solicitation.

Evaluation Criteria	Weight
Technical Ability	40%
Experience	30%
Cost	30%
Total	100%

The Committee determined that the proposal submitted by Rangam exhibited thorough experience and technical ability and provided the most advantageous offer to the DOE. As a result, Rangam was selected for an award.

The DOE compared the rate proposed for this effort to the average rates under the New York City Office of Technology Innovation (“OTI”) contracts for Systems Integration Services (“SI”) and determined that the proposed rate is lower than the average rate for an identical or similar title under OTI’s SI contracts. Therefore, pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Air Engineering Filters, Inc for the Supply and Delivery of HVAC Filters and Related Services – B5918

Procurement Method: M/WBE Simplified Procurement per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(c)(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$498,665.31

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,495,995.93

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12045

Vendor Name: Air Engineering Filters, Inc.

Vendor Address: P.O. Box 174 Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514

Contract Manager: Thomas Kallergis, Director of Contract Administration, Division of School Facilities

Lead Contracting Officer: Jay Bastien, Interim Executive Director, Contracts & Performance Unit, Division of School Facilities

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Beverly Newman, Administrative Procurement Analyst, Transportation, Food & Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of School Facilities (“DSF”) to contract with Air Engineering Filters, Inc. (“Air Engineering”), a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (“M/WBE”), for the Supply and Delivery of HVAC Filters and Related Services. The contract will be funded by DSF.

Discussion

This simplified procurement was released as an M/WBE discretionary solicitation solely to NYC M/WBE Certified vendors and advertised on the DCP M/WBE website. The DOE solicited twenty (20) M/WBE vendors that were provided by the Office of Supplier Diversity (“OSD”). The simplified procurement consisted of one (1) Aggregate Class (“AC”) covering geographical Districts 1-31.

A decision was made to contract for these services after determining that the DOE did not possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program efficiently.

The scope of work of this contract will include, but will not be limited to, providing all labor, materials, and supervision required and necessary for the Supply and Delivery of HVAC Filters and Related Materials. The pricing includes all costs the contractor will incur to perform the requested work such as labor, tools, equipment, transportation, delivery, supervision, insurance, overhead, and profit.

The DOE received four (4) responses, and 2 of the 4 vendors submitted incorrect and incomplete pricing forms and were therefore found to be non-responsive.

Aggregate Class 1

No.	Bidder Name	Total Annual Value	Total Contract Value
→1.	Air Engineering Filters, Inc.	\$498,665.31	\$1,495,995.93
2.	Finesse Creations	\$697,060.65	\$2,091,181.95
3.	Edge Electronics Inc.	\$766,321.17	Non-responsive
4.	Grahamstak, LLC	\$501,047.91	Non-responsive

DSF held a Qualification meeting with Air Engineering, and it was determined that they had the organizational capacity to perform the services as required under this simplified procurement. As such for this procurement, Air Engineering Filters, Inc. was recommended for the award of the aggregate class.

An evaluation of the pricing found that costs were below the program estimates, as such, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Harry Construction Group Corp. for the Repair and Replacement of Interior and Exterior Stone Steps- B5812 (A)

Procurement Method: MWBE Simplified Procurement per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-10(c)(2-A)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$ 127,457.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$ \$637,285.00

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 5 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12321

Vendor Name: Harry Construction Group Corp

Vendor Address: 116-11 101 Avenue Richmond Hill NY, 11419

Contract Manager: Thomas Kallergis, Director Contract Administration, Division of School Facilities

Lead Contracting Officer: Jay Bastien, Interim Executive Director, Contracts & Performance Unit, Division of School Facilities

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Ivan Rawls, Procurement Analyst, Transportation Food and Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Schools Facilities ("DSF") to contract with Harry Construction Group Corp. ("HCGC"), a Minority and Women -Owned Business Enterprise ("MWBE"), to repair and replace interior and exterior stone steps. This contract will replace the expired contract. These contracts will be funded by DSF.

Discussion

This simplified procurement was released as an MWBE full value solicitation for NYC MWBE-Certified vendors and advertised on the DCP website. The DOE Solicited nine (9) MWBE vendors that were provided by the Office of Supplier ("OSD"). The simplified procurement consisted of one (1) Citywide Aggregate Class.

A decision was made to contract these services because it was determined that the DOE does not currently possess the capacity and/or expertise required to meet the objectives of this program efficiently.

The scope of work of this contract will include, but not be limited to, providing all labor, materials, and supervision required and necessary for the Repair and Replacement of Interior and Exterior Stone and Masonry Steps.

The DOE received four (4) responses for the solicitation of one (1) Aggregate Class, HCGC was the lowest bidder for this Aggregate Class.

Aggregate Class 1 - Citywide

No.	Bidder Name	Annual Value
1	Harry Construction Group Corp.	\$127,457.00
2	Skyheights Construction Group Corp.	\$513,334.00
3	Afforda Inc.	\$587,217.35
4	Sierra Contractors	\$764,273.50

A qualification meeting with HCGC was held, and it was determined that they met the requirements and has the organizational capacity to perform the services specified under this simplified procurement. As such, HCGC is the recommended vendor for the award.

Due to the competitive nature of the procurement, that four (4) responses had been received, and that costs were below the program estimates, it can be concluded that prices are determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Overgrad Inc. to Provide the Entire line of Overgrad Inc. Educational Software & Digital Content

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$26,519.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$79,557.00

Funding Source: Various, including Tax Levy and Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 3 Years

Options: One, 2-Year

Options Amount: \$53,036

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12216

Vendor Name: Overgrad Inc.

Vendor Address: 3520 Coneflower Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80521

Contract Manager: Debra Cohen, Senior Director, Finance & Operations

Lead Contracting Officer: Debra Cohen, Senior Director, Finance & Operations

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Kay Robbins, Procurement Analyst, Technology and Instructional Material Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Finance & Operations to contract with Overgrad Inc. ("Overgrad") to provide the entire line of Overgrad Educational Software and Digital content.

Discussion

Overgrad is a web-based college & career readiness platform to help students make informed decisions to ensure success as they transitioned into college and beyond. Students figure out what they are interested in, set post high school college and career goals, and track their progress towards meeting those goals. Overgrad's product line offers, but is not limited to, the following:

Overgrad for Elementary is an early exposure platform introducing younger students to college and career exploration in an age appropriate and engaging way.

Overgrad for Middle School is a guided tools for Middle School students to explore students to explore interest build early post-secondary awareness and set academic goals.

Overgrad Success is comprehensive case management tracking and support system for tracking alumni through post- secondary completion.

Overgrad has offered a 10% discount off manufacturer's suggested retail price ("MSRP") for the entire line of Overgrad software. In addition, the vendor has agreed to the inclusion of a "Most Favored Customer" price certification in its contract, which ensures that the DOE will receive pricing as favorable as any Municipal, County, or State Government Agency, Board of Education, School, or School System in the United States for the same or a substantially similar quantity of items. The estimated annual amount is based on previous expenditures by schools.

Overgrad is the sole producer and exclusive distributor of the Overgrad software product line and cannot be purchased by open competitive means. Accordingly, a competitive procurement is impractical, and the DOE will utilize a listing application as its solicitation method pursuant to Section 3-06 of the DOE's Procurement Policy and Procedures ("PPP").

Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with EPS Operations LLC, to Provide the Entire Line of EPS Operations LLC Software and Digital Content

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$638,685

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,916,055

Funding Source: Various, including Tax Levy & Reimbursable

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 3 Years

Options: One, 2-Year

Options Amount: \$1,277,370

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12060

Vendor Name: EPS Operations LLC

Vendor Address: 4800 Hampden Ln, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814-2930

Contract Manager: Kimberly De Vine, Director, Division of Enterprise Purchasing

Lead Contracting Officer: Kimberly De Vine, Director, Division of Enterprise Purchasing

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Sydney Mojica, Procurement Analyst, Technology, and Instructional Materials Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Enterprise Purchasing (“DEP”) to contract with EPS Operations LLC to provide the entire line of EPS Operations LLC Software and Digital Content.

Discussion

EPS Operations LLC offers a suite of products designed to improve literacy in students. These products are aligned to state standards, based on the Science of Reading principles, and use reading intervention strategies to help students reach grade-level reading proficiency. EPS Operations LLC will be providing their product EPS Reading Assistant.

EPS Reading Assistant is an AI-powered reading tutor for students in grades K-12. The program provides one-on-one reading tutoring, oral reading fluency assessment, and dyslexia risk screening in both English and Spanish¹⁰. The program “listens” to students read aloud and provides real-time, personalized feedback and micro-interventions in an interactive learning environment. The program also generates reports that provide insights into students’ reading progress. EPS Reading Assistant will also feature the following:

- EPS Reading Assistant for SPIRE

- EPS Reading Assistant for SPIRE uses voice recognition technology to listen as students read aloud to an avatar named Amira. The program assesses mastery and delivers personalized tutoring to help students accelerate their reading gains. When a student struggles, EPS Reading Assistant for SPIRE delivers real-time feedback and micro-interventions to immediately address the issue.

- The program includes a robust suite of reports and dashboards that are aligned to the SPIRE scope and sequence
- **ESP Reading Assistant for Accelerator**
 - EPS Reading Accelerator is an evidence-based reading intervention program for middle school students, grounded in the science of reading, designed to help students master foundational reading skills in whole-class and Tier 2 intervention group settings.
 - EPS Reading Assistant for Accelerator provides students with a private way to practice the same skills they are learning in teacher-led lessons.

The awarded vendor will be required to meet applicable DOE Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Subcontracting Goals.

EPS Operations LLC proposed a 16.67% discount off list price for their entire software product line. In addition, the vendor has agreed to the inclusion of a “Most Favored Customer” price certification in its contract, which ensures that the DOE will receive pricing as favorable as any Municipal, County, or State Government Agency, Board of Education, School, or School System in the United States for the same or a substantially similar quantity of items.

Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Klett World Languages Inc, to Provide Textbooks and Ancillary Materials

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$341,833.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,025,500.00

Funding Source: City Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 3 Years

Options: Two, 1-Year

Options Amount: \$683,666.00

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12104

Vendor Name: Klett World Languages Inc

Vendor Address: 405 W. Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646

Contract Manager: Jill Schimmel, Director, World Languages

Lead Contracting Officer: Brenda Garcia, Chief, Multilingual Learners

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Lisette Cruz, Associate Director, Enterprise Operations Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction (“DCI”) to contract with Klett World Languages, Inc. (“KWL”) to provide textbooks and ancillary materials for New York City Public Schools (“NYCPS”), Non-Public Schools (“NPS”), and Central Offices. Funding will be provided by the individual users’ budget.

Discussion

Klett World Languages (“KWL”) provides language [Spanish, French, German, and Italian] learning textbooks, workbooks, and teachers manuals in support of students’ grades K-12. Additionally, they promote intercultural exchange, foster mutual understanding, and provide teachers with opportunities in professional development. KWL offers programing which includes, but is not limited to, the following programs:

- *Spanish:*
 - Reporteros
 - Mapas
 - Proyectos
 - Alba y Gael
- *French:*
 - Cap Sur
 - 24 heures

DCI has indicated that KWL aligns with NYS Learning Standards for World Languages.

The listing application is a preferable procurement method as these materials are considered unique and only available from the above-named publisher and their materials cannot be purchased by open, competitive means.

Where applicable, the awarded vendor will be required to meet applicable New York City Department of Education Subcontracting Goals.

The estimated contract amount is based on the projected school and program office needs for the upcoming years.

Klett World Languages Inc. is a new vendor for New York City Public Schools (“NYCPS”). It initially offered NYCPS a 20%-tiered discount off the list price and a 7% shipping and handling (“S&H”) fee. After negotiations, Klett World Languages Inc. increased its offer to a 40% discount off the list price—a significantly higher general discount—and waived the S&H fee. A review of its submitted list prices and website pricing confirmed that the list prices were accurate and that the pricing offered to NYCPS accurately reflected the contractually stipulated discount.

Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to have Emergency Extension Contracts with Vendors Providing Transportation Services for Pre-K Pupils

Procurement Method: Emergency Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-09

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$13,256,420.19

Estimated Total Amount: \$13,256,420.19

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 07/01/2025 – 07/31/2025

Options: One, 1-Month

Options Amount: \$13,256,420.19

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12458

Vendor Name: See table below

Vendor Address: See table below

Contract Manager: John Pavone, Contract Director, Office of Pupil Transportation

Lead Contracting Officer: James Sarkis, Executive Director Office of Pupil Transportation

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Yesnuel Ramirez, Associate Director, Transportation, Food and Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Pupil Transportation (“OPT”) to contract with the vendors listed below in accordance with the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-09, to provide transportation services for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

Discussion

The Office of Pupil Transportation (“OPT”) is responsible for providing and coordinating transportation services to and from school for eligible students in both public and non-public schools. These services include both stop-to-stop and door-to-door busing for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize contract extensions for bus transportation service for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus services are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025, and such bus service is required for continued transportation of Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

These transportation services are necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. As such, declarations of Emergency Procurement and Emergency Implementation of contracts by the Chief Procurement Officer of the Division for Contracts and Purchasing and the Chancellor, respectively, were made (see attached).

All terms and conditions, including pricing, will remain the same as the existing contracts. The pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Below are the estimated contract amounts for these services. The first line for each vendor represents the July 2025 estimated amount, and the second line represents the August 2025 estimated amount.

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Pre-K	Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	
1.	Alina Services Corp. 245-37 60 th Ave Little Neck, NY 11362	\$1,188,958.18 \$1,188,958.18	\$2,377,916.37
2.	Another Ride, Inc. 627 S Columbus Ave Mount Vernon, NY 10550	\$50,367.12 \$50,367.12	\$100,734.25
3.	Children's Transportation Inc. 1465 Bronx River Ave. Bronx, NY 10472	\$1,001,838.21 \$1,001,838.21	\$2,003,676.43
4.	Don Thomas Buses Inc. 627 S Columbus Ave Mount Vernon, NY 10550	\$328,901.72 \$328,901.72	\$657,803.43
5.	Fortuna Bus Company, Inc. 1329 36 th St Brooklyn, NY 11218	\$503,164.22 \$503,164.22	\$1,006,328.44
6.	GVC LTD. 450 Zerega Ave Bronx, NY 10473	\$2,518,972.32 \$2,518,972.32	\$5,037,944.63
7.	Happy Day Transit, Inc. 144 Pilling St Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$448,839.47 \$448,839.47	\$897,678.93
8.	I&Y Transit Corp. 245-37 60 th Ave Douglaston, NY 11362	\$538,098.48 \$538,098.48	\$1,076,196.96
9.	IC Bus Inc. 380 Chelsea Road Staten Island, NY 10314	\$510,287.90 \$510,287.90	\$1,020,575.81

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Pre-K	Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	
10.	L&M Bus Corp. 231 Malta St. Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$3,432,554.50	\$6,865,109.00
		\$3,432,554.50	
11.	Leesel Transportation Corp II 3900 Webster Ave Bronx, NY	\$377,821.42	\$755,642.84
		\$377,821.42	
12.	Penny Transportation Inc. 3100 Cropsey Ave Brooklyn, NY 11224	\$331,402.40	\$662,804.80
		\$331,402.40	
13.	Phillip Bus Services Inc. 146 Wolcott St Brooklyn, NY 11231	\$736,067.92	\$1,472,135.84
		\$736,067.92	
14.	Royal Express Line Corp. 65-61 Saunders St. Apt. 1A Rego Park, NY 11374	\$285,137.70	\$570,275.39
		\$285,137.70	
15.	Smart Pick, Inc. 3100 Cropsey Ave Brooklyn, NY 11224	\$1,004,008.63	\$2,008,017.25
		\$1,004,008.63	

OPT has confirmed the vendors have provided satisfactory services under their contracts.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

[Don Thomas Buses Inc. and Another Ride Inc.](#)

The DOE is aware of the following:

- A November 2019 news report revealed that an 83-year-old man was struck and killed by a school bus owned by Affiliate First Steps Transportation, Inc. (First Steps). At the time of the incident there were no students on the bus, and subsequently the vendor advised that the bus driver was terminated. The family of the victim filed a wrongful death lawsuit against First Steps and the matter is currently pending.
- In October 2015, indictments for bank fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and payroll tax fraud conspiracy were issued against relatives of the owners of Affiliates First Steps Trans Inc.

and Thomas Buses, Inc. in connection with over \$14 million in bank loans made to bus companies controlled by those relatives and \$10 million in payroll taxes. On October 29, 2015, the principal owners of the prime vendors had a meeting with representatives of the NYC Department of Education to discuss the nature of any business relationships with the individuals being charged. The DOE received attestations from the owners of the respective vendors confirming that from October 29, 2015 to date of the attestation they have not received consulting advice or provided compensation to the individuals charged, have ensured that those charged will not be permitted on or near their business premises and agreed not to discuss business on or off the business premises with any of the charged individuals.

As the matters above are either pending or resolved, and in light of the vendors' overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

Children's Trans., Inc.

In October 2015, indictments for bank fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and payroll tax fraud conspiracy were issued against relatives of the owners of Children's Trans., Inc., First Steps Trans Inc., and Thomas Buses, Inc. in connection with over \$14 million in bank loans made to bus companies controlled by those relatives and \$10 million in payroll taxes. On October 29, 2015, the principal owners of the prime vendors had a meeting with representatives of the NYC Department of Education to discuss the nature of any business relationships with the individuals being charged. The DOE received attestations from the owners of the respective vendors confirming that from October 29, 2015 to date of the attestation they have not received consulting advice or provided compensation to the individuals charged, have ensured that those charged will not be permitted on or near their business premises and agreed not to discuss business on or off the business premises with any of the charged individuals.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendors' overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

L&M Bus Corp.

A review of L&M Bus Corp.'s (L&M), and its Affiliates Pride Transportation Services Inc.'s (Pride Transportation), Quality Transportation Corp.'s (Quality Transportation) and Parent Total Transportation Corp.'s (Total Transportation) PASSPort submissions identified the following caution:

- In 2018, the New York State Office of the Attorney General (NYAG) investigated L&M, Pride Transportation, Quality Transportation, and Parent Total Transportation for the alleged practice of excessive bus idling. On July 8, 2024, the vendors entered an Assurance of Discontinuance Agreement pursuant to which, it agreed to implement additional training and purchase new equipment to prevent bus idling in the future.

Additionally, L&M'S and Pride Transportation's PASSPort submissions reported the following:

- From March 2019 to present, Parent First Student Inc. (First Student) was investigated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the United States Attorney Office for the Northern District of New York, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for alleged excessive bus idling, unlawful training and hiring practices, and safety violations. The vendor advised that two were settled, and one remains pending.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- From March 2019 to present, numerous articles were found involving L&M, Pride, Quality, and its affiliates as the subject of lawsuits regarding alleged violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act, unpaid regular and overtime wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law, unlawful public

accommodation, breach of contract, claims of property damage, personal injury, negligence and discriminatory practices. The vendor advised that these matters have either been settled or are pending.

- In February 2020, two children were struck by a Quality Transportation bus, resulting in one fatality. The vendor advised that the driver was terminated and in December 2022, the case was resolved pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are still pending, and in light of the satisfactory performance of L&M, Pride Transportation, and Quality Transportation on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

Leesel Transportation Corp. II

The DOE is aware of the following information:

- In October 2018, a bus attendant of affiliate Leesel Transportation Corporation (Leesel) was caught on video shaking and jostling a disabled student. The vendor advised that the bus attendant was terminated on November 02, 2018. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) advised that this matter is closed, and the former bus attendant was the sole subject of the investigation. Separately, a lawsuit was filed against Leesel, The City of New York, and DOE by the parents of the student, and the matter is currently pending.

The DOE is also aware of the following news articles:

- A January 2024 news article revealed that a special needs student was assaulted by a bus monitor of parent Van Pool Transportation LLC (Van Pool). The parents of the student filed a lawsuit and the matter is currently pending. Additionally, Van Pool implemented advanced training for employees transporting special needs students to better prevent this from recurring in the future.
- An October 2023 news article reported that a bus driver and bus monitor of affiliate NRT Bus, Inc. d/b/a North Reading Transportation (NRT Bus) were charged with assault and battery on a disabled student. Van Pool advised that both employees were terminated, and NRT Bus implemented training for transporting students with special needs and various reporting and video monitoring measures to avoid future recurrence of such incidents.
- An August 2023 news article revealed a lawsuit against affiliate We Transport, Inc. (We Transport) for alleged wrongful termination of a former bus operator due to discrimination of gender and sexual orientation. This matter was dismissed.
- From 2023 – 2024, multiple news articles reported incidents related to alcohol consumption and the sale of narcotics involving affiliates NRT Bus and We Transport. Van Pool advised that all bus drivers involved in the incidents have been terminated and no penalties or fines were imposed on NRT Bus or We Transport. Furthermore, Van Pool advised that NRT Bus and WE Transport have implemented drug, alcohol and reasonable suspicion training for all personnel.
- In 2018, a student was assaulted on a school bus operated by NRT Bus. A lawsuit was filed against NRT Bus by the parents of the student, which was settled for \$125,000. Parent Van Pool advised that NRT Bus developed advanced training for transporting special needs students and implemented various reporting and monitor measures to avoid future incidents.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and in light of the prime vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

IC Bus Inc.

A review of IC Bus Inc.'s (IC Bus) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- From May 2024 to present, IC Bus was investigated by the New York City Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) and the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR) for alleged employee misconduct and unlawful discriminatory practices related to disability and race. In May 2024, SCI referred the investigation to the New York City Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and in January 2025, OSI substantiated the employee misconduct allegations. The vendor advised that the NYSDHR matter is pending.
- In August 2021, affiliate, IC Coachways Inc., (IC Coachways) violated Section 6056 of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code for failure to file its tax forms for tax year 2018. The vendor advised that the required tax forms were provided to the IRS and in November 2021, the matter was closed with no penalties assessed.
- From December 2019 to June 2023, administrative charges were issued to affiliate IC Coachways by the New York City Department of Finance (DOF), and to a former IC Bus employee by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the New Jersey Rumson Borough Police Department (NJRBPD) with fines ranging from \$40 to \$21,000. The vendor advised that all fines have been paid in full.

The DOE also is aware of the following:

- A news report revealed that a special needs student was sexually assaulted by other students on a bus between September 2012 to April 2013. The parents of the student filed a lawsuit against IC Bus, Inc., affiliate, IC Escorts, and IC Coachways in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Richmond in September 2017. In September 2021, IC Bus, Inc., IC Escorts, and IC Coachways entered a Stipulation of Discontinuance in the amount of \$247,500. The vendor advised that it has paid the matter in full and the case is now closed.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.



Department of
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Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW §§ 2590-g(9) and 2590-h(36)

I, Dong Kyu Han, Deputy Chief of Staff to, and on behalf of, Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36) of the New York State Education Law (“Education Law”), do hereby determine that immediate implementation of emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A, for school bus pupil transportation services for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing, is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. This emergency declaration shall be effective as of July 1, 2025, and remain in effect for one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month as may be required by the DOE.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize contract extensions for bus transportation service for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus service are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

Accordingly, the Chief Procurement Officer for the Division for Contracts and Purchasing declared an emergency condition to provide for the procurement of contracts with contractors for the purposes of ensuring bus service at an estimated value of \$13,256,420.00 for a period of one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month as may be required by the DOE.

Recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to circulate a proposed action for comment, and before the Panel for Educational Policy (“Panel”) has an opportunity to vote on a matter, Section 2590-g(9) of the Education Law authorizes me to take action on an emergency basis, upon my determination that “immediate adoption of any item requiring [the Panel’s] approval is necessary for the preservation of student health, safety, or general welfare” and that compliance with provisions relating to public comment and the Panel’s approval would be contrary to the public interest. In accordance with this provision, I have determined that it is necessary to adopt the contracts described in Appendix A prior to Panel approval.

Also recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to file a contract(s) with the Comptroller of the City of New York (“Comptroller”) and for the said Comptroller to register the contract(s), Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) of the Education Law authorizes me to create “a process for emergency procurement in the case of an unforeseen danger to life, safety, property or a necessary service provided that such procurement shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances and that a written determination of the basis for the emergency procurement shall be required and filed with the comptroller of the city of New York when such emergency contract is filed with such comptroller.” Furthermore, Section 2590-h(36)(e) provides that “[t]he requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision [requiring registration of contracts by the Comptroller of the City of New York] shall not apply to an emergency contract awarded pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, provided that the chancellor shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision as soon as practicable.” In accordance with these provisions, I have determined that it is necessary to implement the contracts described in Appendix A prior to registration by the Comptroller.

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Pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) and (e) of the Education Law, I hereby determine that the contracts identified in Appendix A must be implemented immediately to ensure the continued provision of school bus service to students, and thus to ensure the provision of a necessary service and to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole.

Dated: 6/16/2025

/s/ Dong Kyu Han
Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chancellor¹

¹ Original signature on file.



**Department of
Education**

Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor

DECLARATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF PRE-K PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

I, Jodi Sammons Chen, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), on behalf of Elisheba Lewi, Chief Procurement Officer for the DOE, hereby determine that, pursuant to Section 3-09 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, the emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A, for school bus pupil transportation services for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing, is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. This emergency declaration shall be effective as of July 1, 2025, and remain in effect for one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month as may be required by the DOE.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize contract extensions for bus transportation service for Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus service are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of Pre-K pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

The contracts listed in Appendix A will be for an aggregate estimated value of \$13,256,420.00 for a period of one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month, as may be required by the DOE.

The contractors shall provide service on the same basis as agreements previously agreed to and performed.

Dated: 6/13/2025

/s/ Jodi Sammons Chen
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
Division of Contracts and Purchasing²

² Original signature on file.

Request for Authorization to Extend and Amend the Contracts with Vendors Providing Related Services (R1146) – RA#1

Procurement Method: Emergency Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-09

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$146,002,521.82

Estimated Total Amount: \$146,002,521.82

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 09/01/2025 – 08/31/2026

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12324

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Shona Gibson, Executive Director, Office of Related Services

Lead Contracting Officer: Suzanne Sanchez, Chief of Special Education, Division of Inclusion and Accessible Learning

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Denesia Stroom-Blair, Director – Funded and Special Services Procurement, Strategic Procurements

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Related Services (“ORS”) to extend and amend the contracts with the vendors listed below to provide special education related services to students with special needs.

Discussion

The DOE is mandated by federal and State law, as well as by judgments in the federal court case of *Jose P. v. Sobol*, to evaluate students and to provide special education related services where indicated, including monolingual or bilingual related services. In cases where the DOE is unable to meet this mandate with in-house staff, contracted service providers are used. This Request for Authorization (“RA”) seeks approval to extend and amend the contracts with said providers.

This extension is for the following related services provided pursuant to contracts awarded via this Request for Proposal (“RFP”):

- Counseling (English, Spanish, and other languages)
- Education Vision Services (English, Spanish, and other languages)
- Health Services by Health Aides (English only)
- Hearing Education Services (English, Spanish, and other languages)
- Occupational Therapy (English only)
- Orientation and Mobility Instruction (English only)
- Physical Therapy (English only)
- Sign Language Interpreting (English only)
- Speech Therapy (English, Spanish, and other languages)

The extension is required to maintain continuity of service and further strengthen service provision for all related services, para-professional services, and preschool nursing services in accordance with the students' approved special education program where the DOE is directly responsible for placement of the service and no DOE provider is available for assignment. These contracts are critical to ensuring that students fully and consistently receive these special education services as recommended by their educational program where no DOE provider is available to serve the students, including in historically hard to serve disciplines and communities and in light of changes in the market for these services as a result of the pandemic.

The requested extensions and amendments will ensure continuity of these critical services after the expiration of the base contracts, including two contracted renewal periods, as well as a 4-07(a) Chancellor's Extension and a 4-07(b) Chancellor's Extension, per the DOE's Procurement Policy and Procedures, that expires on August 31, 2025. A 2nd 4-07(b) Chancellor's Extension and a 4-08 Amendment grants the DOE the ability to extend the provisions of these critical services whilst a competitive procurement for new contracts is currently in the evaluation stage, with the anticipation that those contracts will be in place on or before September 1, 2026. Should the new contracts be executed before August 31, 2026, these extended contracts will be terminated.

The original rates were increased in accordance with the contractual price adjustment clause. In accordance with the Emergency Declaration, rates are being increased by 20% for all services except paraprofessional and pre-school nursing. Accordingly, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

Subsequent Request for Authorizations will seek approval of additional vendors.

Below is a list of agencies and the anticipated annual spend for the 2025-2026 extension term.

FIRM NAME	SY 25-26 ESTIMATED SPEND (Including 20% increase with the exception of Para services and services provided via MTAC Pilot)
Ability OT, PT AND SLP Therapy, PLLC	\$ 254,570.66
Advance Talent Solutions, Inc. dba ATS+Partners	* \$25,000.00
Aim High Childrens Services	\$ 52,168.40
All In 1 SPOT with TheraTalk SLP PT OT Psychology, PLLC	\$ 5,788,098.70
All My Children Daycare and Nursery School	\$ 492,242.42
AlliedMedix Resources, Inc.	* \$25,000.00
American Sign Language, Inc.	\$ 2,686,773.04
Apex Therapeutic Services, LLC	\$ 3,323,442.49
Apple Blossoms Occupational Therapy Services, PLLC	\$ 583,339.34
Bright Start Speech Pathology Language, P.C.	\$ 2,726,681.04
Chatty Child Speech Occupational & Physical Therapy, PLLC.	\$ 37,281.79
City Sounds of NY - Speech Language Development Center, Inc.	\$ 6,217,732.81
Communicate Better	\$ 43,868.15
Comprehensive Psychological Services, P.C.	\$ 779,523.62
Comprehensive Resources, Inc.	\$ 4,425,492.78
Connect the Dots Occupational Therapy, PLLC	\$ 278,157.76
DRJK, LLC.	\$ 6,075,830.89

FIRM NAME	SY 25-26 ESTIMATED SPEND (Including 20% increase with the exception of Para services and services provided via MTAC Pilot)
Dynamic Solutions Pediatric Physical & Occupational Therapy, PLLC	\$ 174,153.79
Emilia's Kids, Inc.	\$ 1,258,685.69
Tandym Group Holdings, LLC.	\$ 1,104,190.00
Feigi Taub Halberstam Audiology and Speech Pathology PC dba Omni Speech and Hearing	\$ 2,871,121.90
Fun Therapy OT PLLC	\$ 897,011.84
Gotham Per Diem, Inc.	\$ 838,193.74
Horizon Health Care Staffing Corp.	\$ 3,517,560.16
Infinite Services, Inc.	\$ 4,307,635.60
Kids In Shape Physical Therapy LLC	\$ 1,205,630.41
Leaps and Bounds PT and OT PLLC	* \$25,000.00
Legendary Speech Pathology, PLLC dba Legendary Therapy	\$ 3,032,484.69
Levcare, Inc.	\$ 156,888.34
Mid Island Therapy Associates LLC dba All About Kids	\$ 407,921.69
Miracle Care, Inc.	\$ 217,265.15
New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.	\$ 2,367,419.62
Noor Staffing Group LLC.	\$ 1,850,656.15
NPORT Registered Nursing, Physical and OT and SLPS PLLC dba NPORT	\$ 1,254,331.50
Open Lines Speech & Communication PC	\$ 83,434.79
Pathways OT Therapeutic Wellness PLLC	\$ 506,728.96
Premium Therapy Speech Services PC	\$ 1,324,465.06
Proactive Therapy OT PT SLP PLLC	* \$25,000.00
Quality Evaluation and Psychology, Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy Consulting Services, PLLC	\$ 928,067.26
RCM Health Care Services (A Division of RCM Technologies USA, Inc.)	\$ 40,746,334.13
Salveo Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	\$ 37,373.19
Sensory Street Pediatric Occupational Therapy, PC.	\$ 94,596.97
Sign Language Resources, Inc.	\$ 4,295,950.14
Sign Talk, LLC	\$ 1,481,822.44
South Shore Speech Pathology	\$ 476,575.46
Tempositions Health Care, Inc.	** \$7,185,193.00
The Perfect Playground OT, PT, SLP PLLC	\$ 10,120,864.27
Therapeutic Resources Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Services, LLP	\$ 3,669,435.49
Therapy Pros, LLP	\$ 461,036.64
United Staffing Solutions, Inc.	\$ 1,895,265.67
White Glove Community Care, Inc.	\$ 4,091,172.25
Yvonne Tarzia-Morano dba Yvonne Tarzia Morano OTR/L	\$ 793,815.05
Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center, Inc.	\$8,484,036.89
Grand Total	\$ 146,002,521.82

"" Used \$25,000 as the actual spend for SY23-24 was less than \$25,000 due to delayed contract registration.

** Based on SY22-23 spend due to delay in contract registration and closer to actual usual spend for this large volume vendor."

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Aim High Children's Services

In November 2016, the New York State Comptroller's (NYS Comptroller) office issued an audit of Aim High Children's Services' (AHCS) expenses for the three year fiscal period ending June 30, 2014. The NYS Comptroller found that \$616,906 of its \$9.7 million in reimbursable costs were ineligible and recommended that the New York State Education Department (NYSED) review the audit, recoup monies owed through adjustments to AHCS' reimbursement rates and work with the vendor to ensure its compliance with the requirements of the Reimbursable Cost Manual. NYSED disagreed with the audit's finding concluding that \$501,085 were eligible costs, and not owed to the New York City Department of Education (DOE). Further, NYSED has not completed its review of the remaining \$115,821 and at this time there has been no determination that any money is owed to the DOE.

As the contract to be awarded to AHCS is not cost reimbursable and there has been no determination that any money is owed to the DOE, and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

All My Children Day Care and Nursery School

A review of All My Children's Day Care and Nursery School's (AMC) PASSPort submission identified the following agency reported caution:

- On September 11, 2019, the City of New York Department of Investigation (DOI) sent the New York City Department of Education a referral with findings regarding All My Children Daycare and Nursery School, Inc. (AMC) and its contract with the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS). The contract was for EarlyLearn services and had been assigned to the New York City Department of Education (DOE) in July 2019. DOI's findings raised issues regarding property ownership, rental costs passed through to ACS and the DOE, conflicts of interest, and PASSPort disclosures. After its review, the DOE determined that AMC's ownership interests in property were acceptable, AMC should reimburse the DOE for an overage exceeding \$800K in rent paid by ACS and approximately \$17K as a result of failing to properly procure a consultant, and that the vendor's PASSPort submission would need to be revised. AMC submitted a corrective action plan (CAP) determined to be satisfactory, in which it agreed to reimburse the DOE for the overage in rent, adjust the rental amounts it passed through to the DOE in the future and revise its PASSPort submission.

In light of the resolution of the matter above and AMC's satisfactory performance on current DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

DRJK LLC

In January 2025, the Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) substantiated that an independent contractor for DRJK LLC (DRJK) DBA New York Occupational Therapy (NYOT) submitted invoices for twenty two therapy sessions that were not provided to DOE students. DRJK was required to repay \$2,434 and the total amount has been paid in full. Additionally, the vendor advised that it has updated its billing practices to better prevent this from recurring in the future.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Tandym Group Holdings LLC

A review of Tandym Group Holdings LLC's (Tandym), formerly known as Execu Search Group LLC, PASSPort submission revealed the following caution:

- In August 2021, the New York City Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) investigated Tandym in regard to a former employee submitting falsified timesheets. In May 2022, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) placed Tandym on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), and in response the vendor terminated the employee, implemented a new timesheet and payroll system, and reimbursed the DOE for overbilling.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Feigi Taub Halberstam Audiology and Speech Pathology PC

The DOE is aware of the following:

- Omni Childhood Center (OCC), an entity with common ownership that shares space and equipment with Feigi Taub Halberstam Audiology and Speech Pathology PC (Feigi Taub) was the focus of a 2010 audit conducted by the New York City Department of Education (DOE) Office of the Auditor General for the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, which identified over \$500,000 in expenditure disallowances that led the state to recalculate OCC's 2005-2006 tuition rate calculated by the New York State Education Department ("SED") for the Special Education Itinerant Teacher ("SEIT") program. The lowered tuition rate resulted in a determination that OCC owed the DOE \$5,810,425.85 for fiscal years (FY) 2006 through FY 2013. The DOE established an installment agreement for repayment by 2025 and OCC is current with payments.

As OCC is current in its repayment of monies owed through the SEIT contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Gotham Per Diem, Inc.

An April 2022 news article revealed that a lawsuit was filed against Gotham Per Diem, Inc. (Gotham) and a former employee for defamation, negligent hiring and negligent supervision. The vendor advised that in August 2018, the court ruled in Gotham's favor with respect to the negligent supervision claim. The defamation and negligent hiring claims remain pending.

As the matter above is pending, and in light the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Mid Island Therapy Associates LLC

Mid Island Therapy Associates LLC (Mid Island) dba All About Kids was audited by the New York State Comptroller (NYS Comptroller) in 2015, and the Nassau County Comptroller (NCC) in 2014. While the 2014 audit did not result in any adverse findings by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the 2015 audit identified \$655,055 in expenditures submitted by Mid Island that were disallowed. The NYS Comptroller recommended that NYSED seek reimbursement and adjust the

reimbursement rate. Mid Island was unsuccessful in challenging the audit findings, and the application of the lower tuition rate resulted in a determination that Mid Island owed the DOE \$322,426 for fiscal years (FY) 2012 and FY 2013 for the Special Education Itinerant Teacher (“SEIT”) program. Mid Island was placed on an installment agreement and completed the repayment in 2023.

As Mid Island completed the installment agreement and in light of the vendors overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Noor Staffing Group, LLC

A review of Noor Staffing Group LLC’s (Noor) PASSPort submission identified the following cautions:

- In 2021, the Office of the New York City Comptroller found that Noor non-willfully violated New York City labor law when it failed to pay prevailing wages and supplements to employees contracted between 2015 and 2018 through the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. As a result, Noor entered into a Stipulation of Settlement and in June 2021, paid \$238,588.17 in reimbursement and penalties as a condition of the Settlement. The matter is now closed.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor’s overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

RCM Technologies USA, Inc.

An April 2021 news article revealed that a class action lawsuit was filed against RCM Technologies USA, Inc. (RCM USA) in the United States District Court of the Northern District of California for unpaid overtime wages. The vendor advised that in October 2021, it entered into a settlement agreement for \$1.5 million.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor’s overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

TemPositions Health Care Inc.

A review of TemPositions Health Care Inc.’s (TemPositions) PASSPort submission revealed the following caution:

- In January 2024, the New York City Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) substantiated that five TemPositions employees submitted invoices for paraprofessional transport services that were not provided to DOE students. TemPositions were required to repay \$5,133.73 and the total amount has been paid in full. Additionally, the vendor advised that it has provided training to its employees regarding proper timekeeping to better prevent this from reoccurring in the future.
- In January 2023, an investigation was conducted by the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR) related to a race, color, national origin and sex discrimination complaint. In August 2023, the matter was dismissed.

PASSPort also revealed the following information from the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) Responsibility Determination (RD):

- From September 2023 until September 2024, TemPositions disclosed one case of client abuse and neglect. A review by ACS of the corrective actions taken by TemPositions were prudent based on the information provided.

As the matters above have been resolved, and in light of the vendor’s satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[United Staffing Solutions Inc.](#)

On February 07, 2025, United Staffing Solutions Inc. (United Staffing) entered a Stipulation of Settlement in the amount of \$644,032.81 with the New York City Comptroller's Office (NYC Comptroller) for a violation of the New York State Labor Law for failure to pay prevailing wages and supplements to its employees. The NYC Comptroller advised that initial payment of \$202,653.27 has been remitted and the remaining \$441,379.54 is scheduled to be paid in full by July 20, 2025.

As the matter above is being addressed, and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[White Glove Community Care Inc.](#)

A review of White Glove Community Care Inc.'s (White Glove) PASSPort submission revealed the following agency reported caution:

- On December 09, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York (OAG) announced two settlement agreements with White Glove, one with OAG's Labor Bureau and one with OAG's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for causing false claims to be submitted to Medicaid and failing to comply with the New York Home Care Worker Wage Parity Act. White Glove was required to pay \$2 million in unpaid wages and \$1.26 million to the New York State Medicaid Program. Both settlement agreements have been paid in full. In addition, White Glove was ordered to revise its company's policies and procedures; train personnel on updated policies subject to OAG's approval, and regularly report staff wages and policy implementations to OAG for three years.

As the matter above has been resolved, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center, Inc.](#)

The following information was identified for Yeled V'Yalda Early Childhood Center Inc. (YvY):

- A December 2022 news article, citing a 2015 New York State Office of the Comptroller (NYS Comptroller) preschool special education services audit, discussed several allegations against YvY, including claims that YvY misallocated program funds to run a community gym, provided donations to religious schools that referred students to its company, and had its special education providers participate in religious instruction. The vendor denied misusing funds and requested a reconsideration of the state auditors' findings. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) determined that YvY met the criteria for reapproval to continue providing services to preschool students with disabilities. YvY informed this office that schools do not refer families to YvY on a quid pro quo basis and that YvY only awards grants to schools that apply and meet YvY's selection criteria. YvY maintained that its providers' services address the unique needs of students as mandated by their IEPs and do not include religious instruction.
- A December 31, 2015 NYS Comptroller financial audit found that YvY claimed approximately \$3 million in ineligible expenses for reimbursement over three years, ending June 30, 2014. The NYS Comptroller recommended that the NYSED review the audit's recommended disallowances and recoup the money through adjustments to YvY's reimbursement rates. NYSED advised that revised rates have not yet been approved. Once NYSED does so, the DOE will use the revised rate to determine the amount that needs to be recovered from the vendor.

Since the release of the news article, no law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies have substantiated the allegations or arrested or charged YvY or its current owners with a crime. Additionally, as NYSED has not yet approved the revised reimbursement rates to recoup the monies owed, and YvY continues providing satisfactory services under its existing contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.



Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW §§ 2590-g(9) and 2590-h(36)

I, Dong Kyu Han, Deputy Chief of Staff to, and on behalf of, Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36) of the New York State Education Law (“Education Law”), do hereby determine that immediate implementation of emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A, the provision of special education related services for students with special needs, is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. This emergency declaration shall be effective as of September 1, 2025, and remain in effect for up to one (1) year.

An emergency has arisen as a result of ongoing finalization of awards pursuant to the new Related Services solicitation, Request for Proposals RFP R1366. Current Request for Proposals RFP R1146 contracts and extensions for the provision of special education related services are set to expire, or will have expired, on August 31, 2025 (the “Contracts”), and in order to ensure continuity of such services, emergency extensions and amendments of the Contracts are necessary.

Accordingly, the Chief Procurement Officer for the Division for Contracts and Purchasing declared an emergency condition to provide for extension and amendment of the Contracts with contractors for the purposes of ensuring the continuation of special education related services at an estimated value of [\$162,403,127.11] for a period of one (1) year. The rates for R1146 extensions and amendments will be increased by 20% of the current awarded rates, inclusive of the Producer Price Index (PPI) increases associated with school year 2025-2026, except for: (i) rates that have already been so increased pursuant to any prior contract action(s), and (ii) paraprofessional and **pre-school** nursing services, all of which will remain at current rates. The DOE will terminate the R1146 Extensions upon award and implementation of service(s) pursuant to RFP R1366.

Recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to circulate a proposed action for comment, and before the Panel for Educational Policy (“Panel”) has an opportunity to vote on a matter, Section 2590-g(9) of the Education Law authorizes me to take action on an emergency basis, upon my determination that “immediate adoption of any item requiring [the Panel’s] approval is necessary for the preservation of student health, safety, or general welfare” and that compliance with provisions relating to public comment and the Panel’s approval would be contrary to the public interest. In accordance with this provision, I have determined that it is necessary to adopt the Contracts and payments described in Appendix A effective September 1, 2025.

Also recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to file a contract(s) with the Comptroller of the City of New York (“Comptroller”) and for the said Comptroller to register the contract(s), Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) of the Education Law authorizes me to create “a process for emergency procurement in the case of an unforeseen danger to life, safety, property or a necessary service provided that such procurement shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances and that a written determination of the basis for the emergency procurement shall be required and filed with the comptroller of the city of New York when such emergency contract is filed with such comptroller.” Furthermore, Section 2590-h(36)(e) provides that “[t]he requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision

[requiring registration of contracts by the Comptroller of the City of New York] shall not apply to an emergency contract awarded pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, provided that the chancellor shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision as soon as practicable.” In accordance with these provisions, I have determined that it is necessary to implement the contracts described in Appendix A prior to registration by the Comptroller.

Pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) and (e) of the Education Law, I hereby determine that the contracts identified in Appendix A must be implemented on September 1, 2025 to ensure the continued provision of related services to students, and thus to ensure the provision of a necessary service and to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole.

Dated: 7/7/2025

/s/ Dong Kyu Han
Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chancellor³

³ Original signature on file.

**DECLARATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES**

I, Elisheba Lewi, Chief Procurement Officer for the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), hereby determine that, pursuant to Section 3-09 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, the emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A for the provision of special education related services commencing September 1, 2025 be awarded on an emergency basis to ensure the continued provision of special education related services for students with special needs As described herein, this is necessary for the preservation of the health and general welfare of the children. This emergency shall be effective as of September 1, 2025 for a period of up to one (1) year.

An emergency has arisen as a result of the ongoing finalization of awards pursuant to the new Related Services solicitation, Request for Proposals RFP R1366. Current Request for Proposals RFP R1146 contracts and extensions for the provision of special education related services are set to expire, or will have expired, on August 31, 2025 (the “Contracts”), and in order to ensure continuity of such special education related services, emergency extensions and amendments of the Contracts are necessary.

The contracts listed in Appendix A will be for an aggregate estimated value of [\$162,403,127.11] for a period of up to one (1) year. The rates for R1146 extensions and amendments will be increased by 20% of the current awarded rates, inclusive of the Producer Price Index (PPI) increases associated with school year 2025-2026, except for: (i) rates that have already been so increased pursuant to any prior contract action(s), and (ii) paraprofessional and pre-school nursing services, all of which will remain at current rates. The DOE will terminate the R1146 Extensions upon award and implementation of service(s) pursuant to RFP R1366.

The contractors shall provide service on the same basis as agreements previously agreed to and performed.

Dated: 7/7/2025

/s/ Elisheba Lewi
Chief Procurement Officer
Division of Contracts and Purchasing⁴

⁴ Original signature on file.

Request for Authorization to have Emergency Contracts with Vendors Providing Transportation Services for School Age Pupils

Procurement Method: Emergency Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-09

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$76,487,966.84

Estimated Total Amount: \$76,487,966.84

Funding Source: Tax Levy

Contract Retroactive? No

Contract Term: 07/01/2025 – 07/31/2025

Options: One, 1-Month

Options Amount: \$37,117,734.11

Contract Type: Requirements

RA Number: 12451

Vendor Name: See table below

Vendor Address: See table below

Contract Manager: John Pavone, Contract Director, Office of Pupil Transportation

Lead Contracting Officer: James Sarkis, Executive Director Office of Pupil Transportation

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Yesnuel Ramirez, Associate Director, Transportation, Food and Facilities Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Pupil Transportation (“OPT”) to contract with the vendors listed below in accordance with the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-09, to provide transportation services to pupils who receive general busing and to pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

Discussion

The Office of Pupil Transportation (“OPT”) is responsible for providing and coordinating transportation services to and from school for eligible students in both public and non-public schools. These services include both stop-to-stop and door-to-door busing for general education pupils and pupils with disabilities.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize contract extensions for bus transportation service for school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus service are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025, and such bus service is required for continued transportation of pupils who receive general busing and to pupils with disabilities who require special busing.

These transportation services are necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. As such, declarations of Emergency Procurement and Emergency Implementation of contracts by the Chief Procurement Officer of the Division for Contracts and Purchasing and the Chancellor, respectively, were made (see attached).

All terms and conditions, including pricing, will remain the same as the existing contracts. The pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable.

Below are the estimated contract amounts for these services. The first line for each vendor represents the July 2025 estimated amount, and the second line represents the August 2025 estimated amount.

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Legacy		Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	General Ed. Amounts	
16.	Addie's Transportation Inc. 5015 Bay Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11230	\$417,458.66		\$609,288.67
		\$191,830.00		
17.	Allied Transit Corp. PO Box 70801 148 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn NY 11207	\$571,818.65	\$151,946.61	\$1,138,407.72
		\$365,384.45	\$49,258.01	
18.	All American School Bus Corp. 11-12 30TH Ave Long Island City, NY 11102	\$4,956,710.36	\$359,090.67	\$7,980,182.69
		\$2,546,225.73	\$118,155.93	
19.	Bobbys Bus Company, Inc. 9714 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416		\$583,490.31	\$775,675.24
			\$192,184.92	
20.	Boro Transit, Inc. 50 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$7,099,724.99	\$780,694.06	\$11,560,387.72
		\$3,422,450.16	\$257,518.51	
21.	Careful Bus Service, Inc. 5015 Bay Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11230	\$193,004.01		\$306,347.87
		\$113,343.87		
22.	Consolidated Bus Transit, Inc. 50 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$1,795,973.14		\$2,740,351.14
		\$944,378.00		
23.	Empire Charter Service, Inc. P.O. Box 70801 148 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$845,858.73		\$1,254,614.03
		\$408,755.30		
24.	Empire State Bus Corp. P.O. Box 70801	\$584,709.83		\$1,453,891.35
		\$351,107.41	\$388,937.26	

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Legacy		Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	General Ed. Amounts	
	148 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207		\$129,136.85	
25.	Grandpas Bus Company, Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416		\$1,427,317.94 \$475,453.07	\$1,902,771.01
26.	Hoyt Transportation Corp. 2620 West 13th Street Brooklyn, NY 11223	\$7,409,278.75 \$4,102,955.11		\$11,512,233.86
27.	IC Bus, Inc. 380 Chelsea Road Staten Island, NY 10314	\$1,767,517.72 \$1,003,496.32		\$2,771,014.03
28.	Jofaz Transportation, Inc. 1 Coffey Street New York, NY 11231	\$5,063,075.69 \$2,128,421.46	\$548,091.93 \$152,237.64	\$7,891,826.72
29.	L&M Bus Corp 3167 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208	\$9,971,634.49 \$4,542,524.21		\$14,514,158.69
30.	Little Linda Bus, Co. Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416	\$1 \$1		\$2
31.	Little Lisa Bus Co. Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416	\$1 \$1		\$2
32.	Little Richie Bus Service, Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416	\$3,041,366.90 \$1,849,811.55		\$4,891,178.45
33.	Logan Bus Co., Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416	\$8,136,780.14 \$4,607,227.61	\$98,564.12 \$32,691.78	\$12,875,263.66

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Legacy		Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	General Ed. Amounts	
34.	Logan Transportation Systems, Inc. 9714 Atlantic Ave Ozone Park, NY 11416		\$ 1 \$ 1	\$ 2
35.	Lorissa Bus Service, Inc. 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416		\$ 324,735.50 \$ 107,795.05	\$ 432,530.54
36.	Lorinda Enterprises Ltd 97-14 Atlantic Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11416	\$ 5,099,652.14 \$ 2,704,364.94		\$7,804,017.08
37.	Mar-Can Transportation Company, Inc. 318 East Third Street Mount Vernon, NY 10553	\$ 768,297.31 \$ 181,305.02		\$949,602.33
38.	Pioneer Transportation Corp. 2890 Arthur Kill Road Staten Island, NY 10309	\$1,995,731.28 \$1,112,768.93	\$2,247,453.71 \$750,388.50	\$6,106,342.41
39.	Pride Transportation Services, Inc. 231 Malta Street Brooklyn, NY 11207	\$7,391,414.54 \$3,334,645.80	\$1 \$1	\$10,726,062.34
40.	Quality Transportation Corp. 3167 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208		\$237,280.06 \$72,588.53	\$309,868.59
41.	SNT Bus, Inc. 50 Snediker Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207		\$1,136,195.33 \$373,743.98	\$1,509,939.31
42.	3RD Avenue Transit, Inc. 1 Coffey Street	\$1		\$2

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Legacy		Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	General Ed. Amounts	
	Brooklyn, NY 11231	\$1		
43.	Van Trans, LLC. 75 Commercial Street Plainview, NY 11803	\$1,094,146.02 \$495,567.47		\$1,589,713.49

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Non-Legacy	Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	
44.	All County Bus, LLC 70 Fernbrook St. Yonkers, NY 10705	\$1 \$1	\$2
45.	B&F Skilled, Inc. 3100 Cropsey Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11224	\$1 \$1	\$2
46.	Careful Bus Service, Inc. 5015 Bay Pkwy Brooklyn, NY 11230	\$1 \$1	\$2
47.	Children's Trans Inc. 1465 Bronx River Ave Bronx, NY 10472	\$1 \$1	\$2
48.	Don Thomas Buses Inc. 627 S Columbus Ave Mount Vernon, NY 10550	\$1 \$1	\$2
49.	First Steps Trans Inc. 2859 W 37 th St. Brooklyn, NY 11224	\$1 \$1	\$2
50.	Leesel Transportation Corp. 3900 Webster Ave Bronx, NY 10470	\$1 \$1	\$2
51.	Mar-Can Transportation Company Inc. 318 East Third Street Mount Vernon, NY 10553	\$1 \$1	\$2

No.	Vendor Names and Addresses	Non-Legacy	Total
		Special Ed. Amounts (Including Attendant, if Applicable)	
52.	Phillip Bus Corp. 146 Wolcott Street Brooklyn, NY 11231	\$1 \$1	\$2
53.	Thomas Buses, Inc. 2859 West 37 th Street Brooklyn, NY 11224	\$1 \$1	\$2
54.	Van Trans, LLC 75 Commercial Street Plainview, NY 11803	\$1 \$1	\$2
55.	Vinny's Bus Service 155 Van Pelt Ave Staten Island, NY 10303	\$1 \$1	\$2
56.	Y&M Transit Corp. 1 Coffey Street Brooklyn, NY 11231	\$1 \$1	\$2

OPT has confirmed the vendors have provided satisfactory services under their contracts.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Allied Transit Corp.

In December 2014, the New York Employees' Pension Fund filed a lawsuit against Allied Transit Corp. (Allied) for allegations of delinquent contributions in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. On September 03, 2021, the vendor advised that the complaint was dismissed.

In the light of the resolution of the matter above and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Bobby's Bus Co Inc., Grandpa's Bus Company, Little Linda Bus Co Inc., Little Lisa Bus Co Inc., Little Richie Bus Service, Logan Bus Co., Inc., Lorinda Enterprises LTD., Logan Transportation Systems & Lorissa Bus Service Inc.

A review of Bobby's Bus Co Inc.'s, (Bobby's Bus), Grandpa's Bus Company, Inc.'s (Grandpa's Bus), Little Linda Bus Co Inc.'s (Little Linda), Little Lisa Bus Co Inc.'s. (Little Lisa), Little Richie Bus Service Inc.'s (Little Richie), Logan Bus Co. (Logan Bus), Lorinda Enterprises LTD. (Lorinda Enterprises), Logan Transportation Systems, Inc. (Logan Transportation) Lorissa Bus Service Inc.'s. (Lorissa Bus) PASSPort submissions revealed the following cautions:

- On July 08, 2024, the New York Attorney General's Office (AG) announced settlements with Bobby's Bus, Grandpa's Bus, Little Linda, Little Lisa, Little Richie, Logan Bus, Logan Transportation, Lorinda Enterprises, and Lorissa Bus, regarding the alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. The vendors agreed to purchase electric buses, install automatic

engine shut-off timers on its remaining traditional buses and implement anti-idling training for bus drivers. No penalties or fines were assessed.

The DOE is aware of the following information:

- In April 2021, the New York State Public Service Commission (NYSPSC) issued an order against Lorinda Enterprises for alleged violations under the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Part 753 - Protection of Underground Facilities for failure to provide notice of intent to excavate, made a repair to an underground facility or backfilled without approval from the underground facility operator, and failure to notify 911 and operator after damaging an underground facility. Lorinda Enterprises was ordered to pay a penalty of \$22,500 and the total amount has been paid in full. The vendor advised that all violations are now closed.

In light of the resolution of the matters above, and the vendors overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

[Consolidated Bus Transit Inc., Boro Transit Inc., & SNT Bus Inc.](#)

A review of Consolidated Bus Transit Inc. (Consolidated Bus), Boro Transit Inc. (Boro Transit), and SNT Bus Inc.'s (SNT Bus), PASSPort submissions revealed the following caution:

- On July 08, 2024, the New York Attorney General's Office (AG) announced settlements with Consolidated Bus, Boro Transit, and SNT Bus, regarding the alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. The vendors agreed to purchase electric buses, install automatic engine shut-off timers on its remaining traditional buses and implement anti-idling training for bus drivers. No penalties or fines were assessed.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- An October 2024 news article reported that a Consolidated Bus struck several vehicles and scaffolding due to the bus driver suffering from a medical emergency while driving. The vendor advised minor injuries were sustained and no students were on board. No further action or claims were filed as a result of the incident.
- In September 2024, the Department of Education's Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) investigated an incident involving a parental complaint alleging that a Consolidated Bus employee dropped off her four-year child alone at a busy intersection in Manhattan. Consolidated Bus advised and OPT confirmed that the driver acted in accordance with OPT rules and regulations. OPT further advised that the student was dropped off at an assigned drop off location and closed the matter as resolved.
- A July 2024, news article reported that Consolidated Bus and Boro Transit each contributed to a mayoral campaign in the amount of \$1600, which exceeded the \$400 per donor campaign contribution limit. The vendors advised that each contributed \$400 in 2020, and subsequently an additional \$400 each in July 2024. The vendors advised that the 2024 donations were made in error, and the \$800 excess contribution was refunded by the mayoral campaign.
- A June 2022 news article revealed that a Consolidated Bus transporting its employees overturned on a highway resulting in 18 lawsuits for alleged injuries. The vendor advised that all lawsuits are currently pending.
- In March 2019, a news report revealed a lawsuit against Consolidated Bus regarding a student being bullied. On June 22, 2022, the case was dismissed.

As the matters above have either been resolved or pending, and in the light of the overall satisfactory performance of SNT Bus, Boro Transit, and Consolidated Bus on prior DOE contracts, the vendors are determined to be responsible.

[Hoyt Transportation Corp.](#)

A review of Hoyt Transportation Corp.'s (Hoyt) PASSPort submission revealed the following caution:

- On October 7, 2022, the New York State Attorney General's Office (AG) announced a settlement agreement with Hoyt regarding the alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. Hoyt was required to pay \$38,850 in penalties. The vendor advised that the penalties have been paid in full.

The DOE is also aware of the following:

- A July 2024 news article reported that Hoyt contributed to a mayoral campaign in the total amount of \$2,500, which exceeded the \$400 campaign contribution limit. The vendor advised that two separate contributions from two parties in the household of a principal owner were made to the campaign but were mistakenly recorded under one name in error. The \$2,100 excess contribution was refunded by the mayoral campaign.

As the matters above have been resolved, and in light of the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Jofaz Transportation Inc, 3rd Avenue Transit Inc, Y&M Transit Corp](#)

A review of Jofaz Transportation Inc.'s (Jofaz), 3rd Avenue Transit Inc.'s (3rd Avenue), Y&M Transit Corp's (Y&M Transit) PASSPort submissions revealed the following caution:

- On May 11, 2022, the New York Attorney General's Office (AG) filed a lawsuit against Jofaz, 3rd Avenue and Y&M Transit regarding the alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. The vendor advised the matter is pending.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- In July 2022, a lawsuit was filed against Jofaz, 3rd Avenue, and Y&M Transit regarding unpaid debts for payroll services provided. In July 2022, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York issued a partial summary judgment against the vendors, ordering payments of \$1,104,465.64 by Jofaz, \$197,192.04 by Y&M Transit, and \$89,912.07 by 3rd Avenue. The vendor advised that all payments were made in full and the matter was closed in April 2023.
- In December 2014, the New York Employees' Pension Fund filed a lawsuit against Jofaz allegations of delinquent contributions in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. The vendor advised that the complaint was dismissed on September 03, 2021.

As the matters above have either been resolved, or are pending and the vendors overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

[L&M Bus Corp., Pride Transportation Services Inc. & Quality Transportation Corporation](#)

A review of L&M Bus Corp.'s (L&M), Pride Transportation Services Inc.'s (Pride Transportation), Quality Transportation Corp.'s (Quality Transportation) and Parent Total Transportation Corp.'s (Total Transportation) PASSPort submissions identified the following caution:

- In 2018, the New York State Office of the Attorney General (NYAG) investigated L&M, Pride Transportation, Quality Transportation, and Parent Total Transportation for the alleged practice of excessive bus idling. On July 8, 2024, the vendors entered an Assurance of Discontinuance

Agreement pursuant to which, it agreed to implement additional training and purchase new equipment to prevent bus idling in the future.

Additionally, L&M'S and Pride Transportation's PASSPort submissions reported the following:

- From March 2019 to present, Parent First Student Inc. (First Student) was investigated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), the United States Attorney Office for the Northern District of New York, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for alleged excessive bus idling, unlawful training and hiring practices, and safety violations. The vendor advised that two were settled, and one remains pending.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- From March 2019 to present, numerous articles were found involving L&M, Pride, Quality, and its affiliates as the subject of lawsuits regarding alleged violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act, unpaid regular and overtime wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law, unlawful public accommodation, breach of contract, claims of property damage, personal injury, negligence and discriminatory practices. The vendor advised that these matters have either been settled or are pending.
- In February 2020, two children were struck by a Quality Transportation bus, resulting in one fatality. The vendor advised that the driver was terminated and in December 2022, the case was resolved pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are still pending, and in light of the satisfactory performance of L&M, Pride Transportation, and Quality Transportation on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

[Mar-Can Transportation Company](#)

A May 2023 news article revealed that a bus operator for Mar-Can Transportation Company (Mar-Can) was involved in a vehicular accident in the Bronx. A lawsuit was filed against Mar-Can, the bus operator, and the City of New York. The matter is currently pending.

As the above matter is ongoing, and in light the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Pioneer Transportation Corp.](#)

A review of Pioneer Transportation Corp. (Pioneer) PASSPort submission revealed the following caution:

- On July 08, 2024, the New York Attorney General's Office (AG) announced a settlement with Pioneer, regarding the alleged practice of excessive idling at bus yards. The vendor agreed to purchase electric buses, install automatic engine shut-off timers on its remaining traditional buses and implement anti-idling training for bus drivers.

As the matter above has been resolved, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Van Trans, LLC](#)

The DOE is aware of the following news articles:

- A February 2024 news article reported a bus accident involving a bus operator of affiliate Towne Bus Corporation (Towne Bus) for alleged endangerment of the welfare of a child, obstruction of

governmental administration, harassment and resisting arrest. Parent Van Pool Transportation LLC (Van Pool) advised that the charges were dropped, and the bus operator is still employed with Towne Bus in a different capacity.

- A January 2024 news article revealed that a special needs student was assaulted by a bus monitor of Van Pool. The parents of the student filed a lawsuit, and the matter is currently pending. Additionally, Van Pool implemented advanced training for its employees transporting special needs students to better prevent this from recurring in the future.
- An October 2023 news article reported that a bus driver and bus monitor of affiliate NRT Bus, Inc. d/b/a North Reading Transportation (NRT Bus) were charged with assault and battery on a disabled student. Van Pool advised that both employees were terminated, and NRT Bus implemented training for transporting students with special needs and various reporting and video monitoring measures to avoid future recurrence of such incidents.
- An August 2023 news article revealed a lawsuit against affiliate We Transport, Inc. (We Transport) for alleged wrongful termination of a former bus operator due to discrimination of gender and sexual orientation. This matter was dismissed.
- From 2023 – 2024, multiple news articles reported incidents related to alcohol consumption and the sale of narcotics involving affiliates NRT Bus and We Transport. Van Pool advised that all bus drivers involved in the incidents have been terminated, and no penalties or fines were imposed against NRT Bus or We Transport. Furthermore, Van Pool advised that NRT Bus and WE Transport have implemented drug, alcohol and reasonable suspicion training for all personnel.
- In 2018, a student was assaulted on a school bus operated by NRT Bus. A lawsuit was filed against NRT Bus by the parents of the student, which was settled for \$125,000. Van Pool advised that NRT Bus developed advanced training for transporting special needs students and implemented various reporting and monitoring measures to avoid future incidents.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- In October 2018, a bus attendant of affiliate Leeser Transportation Corporation (Leeser) was caught on video shaking and jostling a disabled student. Leeser advised that the bus attendant was terminated on November 02, 2018. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) advised that this matter is closed, and the former bus attendant was the sole subject of the investigation. Separately, a lawsuit was filed against Leeser, The City of New York, and DOE by the parents of the student, and the matter is currently pending.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and in light of the prime vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Thomas Buses Inc.](#), [First Steps Trans Inc.](#), & [Don Thomas Buses Inc.](#)

The DOE is aware of the following:

- A November 2019 news report revealed that an 83-year-old man was struck and killed by a school bus owned by First Steps Transportation, Inc. (First Steps). At the time of the incident there were no students on the bus, and subsequently the vendor advised that the bus driver was terminated. The family of the victim filed a wrongful death lawsuit against First Steps and the matter is currently pending.
- In October 2015, indictments for bank fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and payroll tax fraud conspiracy were issued against relatives of the owners of First Steps Trans Inc. and Thomas Buses, Inc. in connection with over \$14 million in bank loans made to bus companies controlled by those relatives and \$10 million in payroll taxes. On October 29, 2015, the principal owners of the prime vendors had a meeting with representatives of the NYC Department of

Education to discuss the nature of any business relationships with the individuals being charged. The DOE received attestations from the owners of the respective vendors confirming that from October 29, 2015 to date of the attestation they have not received consulting advice or provided compensation to the individuals charged, have ensured that those charged will not be permitted on or near their business premises and agreed not to discuss business on or off the business premises with any of the charged individuals.

As the matters above are either pending or resolved, and in light of the vendors' overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendors to be responsible.

[Leesel Transportation Corp.](#)

The DOE is aware of the following information:

- In October 2018, a bus attendant of Leesel Transportation Corporation (Leesel) was caught on video shaking and jostling a disabled student. The vendor advised that the bus attendant was terminated on November 02, 2018. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) advised that this matter is closed, and the former bus attendant was the sole subject of the investigation. Separately, a lawsuit was filed against Leesel, The City of New York, and DOE by the parents of the student, and the matter is currently pending.

The DOE is also aware of the following news articles:

- A January 2024 news article revealed that a special needs student was assaulted by a bus monitor of parent Van Pool Transportation LLC (Van Pool). The parents of the student filed a lawsuit and the matter is currently pending. Additionally, Van Pool implemented advanced training for employees transporting special needs students to better prevent this from recurring in the future.
- An October 2023 news article reported that a bus driver and bus monitor of affiliate NRT Bus, Inc. d/b/a North Reading Transportation (NRT Bus) were charged with assault and battery on a disabled student. Van Pool advised that both employees were terminated, and NRT Bus implemented training for transporting students with special needs and various reporting and video monitoring measures to avoid future recurrence of such incidents.
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- In 2018, a student was assaulted on a school bus operated by NRT Bus. A lawsuit was filed against NRT Bus by the parents of the student, which was settled for \$125,000. Parent Van Pool advised that NRT Bus developed advanced training for transporting special needs students and implemented various reporting and monitor measures to avoid future incidents.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and in light of the prime vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[Vinny's Bus Service, Inc.](#)

A June 2024 news article revealed that a bus operator for Vinny's Bus Service, Inc. (VBS) was involved in a vehicle accident in February 2022. A lawsuit was filed against the vendor and bus operator, which was settled in the amount of \$350,000 in May 2024.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

[IC Bus Inc.](#)

A review of IC Bus Inc.'s (IC Bus) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- From May 2024 to present, IC Bus was investigated by the New York City Special Commissioner of Investigation (SCI) and the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR) for alleged employee misconduct and unlawful discriminatory practices related to disability and race. In May 2024, SCI referred the investigation to the New York City Office of Special Investigations (OSI) and in January 2025, OSI substantiated the employee misconduct allegations. The vendor advised that the NYSDHR matter is pending.
- In August 2021, affiliate, IC Coachways Inc., (IC Coachways) violated Section 6056 of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code for failure to file its tax forms for tax year 2018. The vendor advised that the required tax forms were provided to the IRS and in November 2021, the matter was closed with no penalties assessed.
- From December 2019 to June 2023, administrative charges were issued to affiliate IC Coachways by the New York City Department of Finance (DOF), and to a former IC Bus employee by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the New Jersey Rumson Borough Police Department (NJRBPD) with fines ranging from \$40 to \$21,000. The vendor advised that all fines have been paid in full.

The DOE also is aware of the following:

- A news report revealed that a special needs student was sexually assaulted by other students on a bus between September 2012 to April 2013. The parents of the student filed a lawsuit against IC Bus, Inc., affiliate, IC Escorts, and IC Coachways in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Richmond in September 2017. In September 2021, IC Bus, Inc., IC Escorts, and IC Coachways entered a Stipulation of Discontinuance in the amount of \$247,500. The vendor advised that it has paid the matter in full and the case is now closed.

As the matters above have either been resolved or are pending, and in light of the vendor's overall satisfactory performance on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.



Department of
Education

Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW §§ 2590-g(9) and 2590-h(36)

I, Dong Kyu Han, Deputy Chief of Staff to, and on behalf of, Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36) of the New York State Education Law (“Education Law”), do hereby determine that immediate implementation of emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A, for school bus pupil transportation services for school-aged pupils who receive general busing and school-aged pupils with disabilities who require special busing, is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system as a whole. This emergency declaration shall be effective as of July 1, 2025, and remain in effect for one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month as may be required by the DOE.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize contract extensions for bus transportation service for school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus service are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities.

Accordingly, the Chief Procurement Officer for the Division for Contracts and Purchasing declared an emergency condition to provide for the procurement of contracts with contractors for the purposes of ensuring bus service at an estimated value of \$76,487,951.00 for a period of one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month as may be required by the DOE.

Recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to circulate a proposed action for comment, and before the Panel for Educational Policy (“Panel”) has an opportunity to vote on a matter, Section 2590-g(9) of the Education Law authorizes me to take action on an emergency basis, upon my determination that “immediate adoption of any item requiring [the Panel’s] approval is necessary for the preservation of student health, safety, or general welfare” and that compliance with provisions relating to public comment and the Panel’s approval would be contrary to the public interest. In accordance with this provision, I have determined that it is necessary to adopt the contracts described in Appendix A prior to Panel approval.

Also recognizing that emergency circumstances will sometimes require the DOE to act before there has been enough time to file a contract(s) with the Comptroller of the City of New York (“Comptroller”) and for the said Comptroller to register the contract(s), Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) of the Education Law authorizes me to create “a process for emergency procurement in the case of an unforeseen danger to life, safety, property or a necessary service provided that such procurement shall be made with such competition as is practicable under the circumstances and that a written determination of the basis for the emergency procurement shall be required and filed with the comptroller of the city of New York when such emergency contract is filed with such comptroller.” Furthermore, Section 2590-h(36)(e) provides that “[t]he requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision [requiring registration of contracts by the Comptroller of the City of New York] shall not apply to an emergency contract awarded pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, provided that the chancellor shall comply with the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision as soon as practicable.” In accordance with these provisions, I have determined that it is necessary to implement the contracts described in Appendix A prior to registration by the New York City Comptroller.

Panel for Educational Policy Meeting July 23, 2025

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Pursuant to Section 2590-g(9) and Section 2590-h(36)(a)(x) and (e) of the Education Law, I hereby determine that the contracts identified in Appendix A must be implemented immediately to ensure the continued provision of school bus service to students, and thus to ensure the provision of a necessary service and to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the students and school system as a whole.

Dated: 6/16/2025

/s/ Dong Kyu Han

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chancellor⁵

⁵ Original signature on file.



Department of
Education

Melissa Aviles-Ramos, Chancellor

DECLARATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL AGE GENERAL EDUCATION PUPILS AND PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

I, Jodi Sammons Chen, Deputy Chief Procurement Officer for the New York City Department of Education (“DOE”), on behalf of Elisheba Lewi, Chief Procurement Officer for the DOE, hereby determine that, pursuant to Section 3-09 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, the emergency extension contracts set forth in Appendix A for school age school bus transportation services for pupils who receive general busing and pupils with disabilities who require special busing commencing July 1, 2025 be awarded on an emergency basis to ensure continued operation of school bus transportation services. As described herein, this is necessary for the preservation of the health and general welfare of the children. This emergency shall be effective as of July 1, 2025 for one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month, as may be required by the DOE.

An emergency has arisen as a result of continued negotiations to finalize extensions of contracts for school bus transportation services for school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities. Certain contracts and extensions for the provision of bus service are set to expire, or will have expired, on June 30, 2025 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities.

The contracts listed in Appendix A will be for an aggregate estimated value of \$76,487,951.00 for a period of one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month, as may be required by the DOE.

The contractors shall provide service on the same basis as agreements previously agreed to and performed.

Dated: 6/13/2025

/s/ Jodi Sammons Chen
Deputy Chief Procurement Officer
Division of Contracts and Purchasing⁶

⁶ Original signature on file.

Request for Authorization to Contract with the Center for Educational Innovation in Support of the College and Career Readiness Initiative

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$350,000.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,312,500.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12282

Vendor Name: Center for Educational Innovation

Vendor Address: 69 Lexington Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10017

Contract Manager: Lisreylianna Rion, Associate Director for CBO Partnerships, Office of Student Pathways

Lead Contracting Officer: Debra Cohen, Senior Director of Finance, Office of Student Pathways

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Student Pathways (“OSP”) to contract with Center for Educational Innovation (“CEI”) to provide College and Career Readiness Services to the schools listed below.

Discussion

CEI is a non-profit education organization that provides customized, hands-on support to principals, teachers, parents, and staff to help them meet the unique needs of their students. CEI helps schools design, develop, and implement effective and innovative practices. CEI’s teams are comprised of experienced educators with the knowledge to help leaders and teachers implement effective instructional practices and improve experiences and outcomes for all students.

With funding from the New York City Council, under its College and Career Readiness Initiative, CEI will continue its Project Boost program at fourteen (14) schools during the school year. Project Boost is a day school and/or afterschool enrichment for NYC public school students and is designed to help these students gain the skills and talents necessary to be successful in high school. Each school participates in one or more of the following components: College and Career Readiness App, Computer Science-Aligned STEM Education, Esports, and Community Engagement arts residency program.

CEI’s goals and objectives for its College and Career Readiness Initiative:

- Increase students’ comfort and knowledge of college and college admission.
- Increase students’ engagement in the virtual classroom and STEM activities.
- Enhance Community engagement through art and social action.

Summary of Costs

Description of Unit	Units (# of Session)	Unit Cost (Cost per Session)	Cost
College and Career Readiness “College for All App”: Each student and staff will have unlimited access to explore colleges through the College for All app from January through June. One introductory session for the College for All App, provides guidance for all virtual tours and ongoing support for (10 schools) available for all students grade 6-8 in the designated schools.	10	\$3,000.00	\$30,000
Benchmarks: Fourteen (14) session program, each session taking place over 2 periods. 7 schools for up to 30 students per school, one instructor per school. *Each school has a slightly variant time duration per class period.	196	\$721.99	\$141,510
Computer Science Aligned STEM Education Robotics: One 2 period session per week for 8 weeks at 4 schools for up to 30 students each school, 1 instructor per school (8 sessions for 6 schools).	32	\$1,823.55	\$58,353
Computer Science Aligned STEM Education Esports: One 2 period session per week for 8 weeks for 4 schools total. 11X370 is receiving 64 sessions	96	\$1,251.43	\$120,137
Subtotal			\$350,000.00
Total:			\$350,000.00

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three years (FY25-27). The FY24 value is multiplied by 3.75 to represent the full contract term (three fiscal years), with a 25% buffer per fiscal year in case of new designations or additional funding of existing awards in Years 2 and 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming CEI and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with El Puente de Williamsburg, Inc. to
Provide College and Career Readiness Services

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$187,500.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$562,500.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12340

Vendor Name: El Puente De Williamsburg, Inc.

Vendor Address: 211 South 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211

Contract Manager: Lisreylia Rion, Associate Director for CBO Partnerships, Office of Student Pathways

Lead Contracting Officer: Debra Cohen, Deputy Executive Director - Finance and Operations, Office of Student Pathways

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurements

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Student Pathways (“OSP”) to contract with El Puente de Williamsburg, Inc. (“El Puente”) to provide College and Career Readiness to counteract the educational challenges faced by young people in the community and to support young people as they transition into higher education, technical schools and/ or jobs/careers.

Discussion

El Puente provides College and Career Readiness to counteract the educational challenges faced by young people in the community and to support young people as they transition into higher education, technical schools, and/or jobs/careers.

El Puente uses its holistic model to engage and inspire young people to take charge of their learning processes and educational journeys. To respond to the needs identified by the school, El Puente will be working with young people in terms of their overall wellness, particularly focusing on the new immigrant youth to help them build positive daily social/emotional interactions and relationships and become better acclimated to the school community.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected for three years (FY25-27). The FY24 value is multiplied by 3.75 to represent the full contract term (three fiscal years), with a 25% buffer per fiscal year in case of new designations or additional funding of existing awards in Years 2 and 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming El Puente De Williamsburg, Inc. and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Gan Day Care Center, Inc. in Support of Child Care Services

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$1,445,000.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$4,335,000.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12335

Vendor Name: Gan Day Care Center, Inc.

Vendor Address: 4206-10 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219

Contract Manager: Monique Scales, Senior Director, Division of Early Childhood Education

Lead Contracting Officer: Jodina Clanton, Senior Director, Division of Early Childhood Education

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Early Childhood Education (“DECE”) to contract with Gan Day Care Center, Inc. (“Gan Day Care”) to provide Child Care Program to expand Early Childhood Education and Child Care services.

Discussion

The Mayoral Administration adopted the expense budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 with the Discretionary Child Care Program. This allocation supports childcare programs and adds additional childcare slots for new enrollments with vendors listed in the chart below. City Council Discretionary Funding will provide the funds needed to support a safe and nurturing environment that fosters children's total growth and development.

Gan Day Care will provide services to pre-school age children and services are based upon the developmental needs and abilities which are designed to enhance the self-esteem and the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of the children entrusted in their care. The curriculum is designed to provide planned learning activities appropriate to both the children's age and to their development in emerging literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, technology, and process skills.

The City Council Discretionary Child Care programs are to be provided pursuant to EarlyLearn contracts via the City Council Discretionary Funding support:

- Early Childhood Education Childcare Services.
- Afterschool Care.
- Curriculum Workshops.
- Professional Development.
- Family Engagement; and,
- Community Involvement.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount (“MRA”) under this contract which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three years (FY25-27). This amount includes a buffer of 0.25 per Fiscal Year for a total of 0.75 and allows for the continuity of services should the vendor receive additional funding in years 2 or 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming the vendor and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Hispanic Federation, Inc. to Provide the Education Equity Action Plan

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$312,500.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$937,500.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12350

Vendor Name: Hispanic Federation, Inc.

Vendor Address: 55 Exchange Place, 5th Floor, New York, NY, 10005

Contract Manager: Brian Carlin, Senior Social Studies Instruction Specialist, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Lead Contracting Officer: Jacqueline Mcallister, Senior Director of Finance, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Senior Community Schools Coordinator, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction (“CI”) to contract with Hispanic Federation, Inc. (“Hispanic Federation”) to provide services as part of the Education Equity Action Plan to support a platform to share best practices, research, and curriculum innovations for Latine students.

Discussion

In September 2021, New York City Council issued an initiative titled the Education Equity Action Plan to serve as the main vehicle for the creation of a comprehensive interdisciplinary curriculum focusing on early African civilizations, the continuum of the Black experience in America, the contributions and achievements of African-diaspora peoples and their impact on the modern world, as well as the role of race in power relationships and the adverse social effects of systemic and institutional racism; all of which will be complimented by a professional development program to support teachers and administrators in ensuring the effective implementation of the curriculum.

In the Fall of 2024, the Latine Studies Curriculum initiative was added and Hispanic Federation was named as one of the organizations to support the initiative. Hispanic Federation will organize a Latine curriculum summit in the Spring of 2025 that convenes educators, policymakers, advocates, community leaders, students, and parents to advance culturally responsive education. The goal is to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, including educators, community organizations, policymakers, and students/families, as well as to ensure students, families, and community voices are centered in curriculum development and education policy discussions. They also plan to utilize digital and traditional media to engage diverse audiences. Hispanic Federation intends to provide a platform to share best practices, research, and curriculum innovations for Latine students, and serve as lead advisor on community and stakeholder engagement, marketing, and communications.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount (“MRA”) under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three years (FY25-27). This amount includes a buffer of 0.25 per Fiscal Year for a total of 0.75 and allows for the continuity of services should the vendor receive additional funding in years 2 or 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because, although it is a Council discretionary contract for FY25 with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget, funding was not available to process the contract until Summer 2024.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming the vendor and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with History UnErased, Inc. to Provide LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum Development

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$479,166.25

Estimated Total Amount: \$1,437,498.75

Funding Source: City Council

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12346

Vendor Name: History UnErased, Inc.

Vendor Address: 175 Cabot Street, Suite 100, Lowell, MA 01854

Contract Manager: Joe Schmidt, Senior Social Studies Instructional Specialist, Division of Curriculum and Instruction.

Lead Contracting Officer: Jacqueline Mcallister, Senior Director of Finance, Division of Curriculum and Instruction.

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurements

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction to contract with History UnErased, Inc. (“HUE”) in order to provide materials and training to aid New York City public schools develop a LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum.

Discussion

HUE, is a non-profit organization whose focus is bringing LGBT history into all classrooms to improve the educational outcomes for every student, but especially for at-risk LGBT students.

Under this agreement, HUE will provide a full calendar year of virtual professional learning, educator conferences, and special programming on integrating and/or supporting LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum. Participants receive their school’s unique URL and account credentials to access HUE’s full library of digital LGBTQ-inclusive, intersectional curricular resources for K-12 classrooms. Ongoing support includes monthly citywide office hours and unique monthly special programming to extend learning.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected for three years (FY25-27). The FY24 value is multiplied by 3.75 to represent the full contract term (three fiscal years), with a 25% buffer per fiscal year in case of new designations or additional funding of existing awards in Years 2 and 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a New York City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not initiated for these services because this is a City Council discretionary award naming HUE and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

[Vendor Responsibility](#)

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with LGBTQ Youth Out Loud, Inc. in Support of the LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$156,250.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$468,750.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12307

Vendor Name: LGBTQ Youth Out Loud, Inc.

Vendor Address: 25 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York NY 10004

Contract Manager: Yu Alex Lim, Operations Manager, Office of Safety & Youth Development

Lead Contracting Officer: Robert Weiner, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Safety & Youth Development

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Safety and Youth Development (“OSYD”) to contract with LGBTQ Youth Out Loud, Inc. (“Youth Out Loud”) to provide LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum programming to schools throughout New York City.

Discussion

The LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum provided through Youth Out Loud’s program team aims to instruct the students of unrepresented LGBTQ+ Youth of Color through monthly workshops on LGBTQ-related topics (e.g. ballroom culture, complexity of gender expression, book banning, queer history, etc.). All workshops will last 60 minutes, and will be held in person, unless the school partners require a virtual program.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three years (FY25-27). The FY24 value is multiplied by 3.75 to represent the full contract term (three fiscal years), with a 25% buffer per fiscal year in case of new designations or additional funding of existing awards in Years 2 and 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming the vendor and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

Vendor Responsibility

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Teachers College, Columbia University to
Provide Services as part of the Education Equity Action Plan

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$312,500.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$937,500.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12312

Vendor Name: Teachers College, Columbia University

Vendor Address: 525 West 120 Street, Box 2, New York, NY 10027

Contract Manager: Brian Carlin, Senior Social Studies Instruction Specialist, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Lead Contracting Officer: Jacqueline Mcallister, Senior Director of Finance, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurements

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of Division of Curriculum and Instruction to contract with Teachers College, Columbia University (“Teachers College”) to provide services as part of the Education Equity Action Plan.

Discussion

The proposal of a Latine Curriculum for New York City Public Schools (“NYCPS”) and communities is a three-year project that will result in a cutting-edge curriculum that can be used by NYCPS teachers, administrators, and community-based organizations to integrate activities and lessons about underrepresented Latine history and culture into their existing practices and programs.

The Gordon Institute at Teachers College, Columbia University will conduct research, consult with experts, and have planning meetings to define the historical and geographic boundaries of the curriculum, the conceptual and pedagogical vision, and analysis of available resources that would be incorporated into the curriculum. The team will also develop and design a participatory process to maintain the live nature of the curriculum. Outlining the curriculum’s purpose and goals, with a focus on elevating the contributions, history, and experiences of the Latine community while promoting cultural responsiveness and educational equity.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three years (FY25-27). The FY24 value is multiplied by 3.75 to represent the full contract term (three fiscal years), with a 25% buffer per fiscal year in case of new designations or additional funding of existing awards in Years 2 and 3 of the contract.

This contract is retroactive because it is a City Council discretionary contract for Fiscal Year 2025, with a term beginning July 1, 2024, following a June 30, 2024, enacted budget.

A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming the vendor and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

[Vendor Responsibility](#)

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request For Authorization to Contract with the United Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, Inc. to Support the Brave Hotline

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$250,000.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$750,000.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2026; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12133

Vendor Name: United Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, Inc.

Vendor Address: 52 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10010

Contract Manager: Alex Lim, Senior Operations Manager, Office of Safety and Youth Development

Lead Contracting Officer: Robert Weiner, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Safety and Youth Development

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“NYCDOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Safety and Youth Development (“OSYD”) to contract with United Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, Inc. (“UFT”) to operate the BRAVE Mental Health Hotline in conjunction with the Mental Health Association of New York City (“MHA-NYC”). The hotline serves at-risk New York City public school students.

Discussion

Through a continued collaboration with Vibrant Emotional Health (f/k/a/ Mental Health Association of New York City (“MHA-NYC”)), the BRAVE Mental Health Hotline serves at-risk New York City public school students by providing a free hotline and chat services that connect children with clinicians and mental health professionals who can provide supportive listening, crisis intervention, suicide risk assessments, and advice on crisis de-escalation. The BRAVE Mental Health Hotline is at the forefront of NYC’s battle against bullying in public schools serving not only students of color and LGBTQ students, but all public school children.

In conjunction to the suicide prevention and crisis intervention, BRAVE’s goal/objective is to study and analyze the data received on stress related pressures in public schools, particularly how said pressures relate to the anecdotal increases in teenage suicide that our community of mental health service providers’ have witnessed of late.

BRAVE delivers a successful outreach campaign, which includes BRAVE staffers on the ground and via DOE approved platforms that serve to train teachers and communities not only to identify a bullied child, but how to properly help that child and prevent further acts of bullying. The BRAVE outreach campaign is also helping to build leadership, confidence, and respect back into the school communities.

The contract value reflects the maximum reimbursable amount (“MRA”) under this contract, which is the vendor’s cumulative Fiscal Year 2024 (“FY24”) funding cleared in FY24 and projected out for three

years (FY25-27). This amount includes a buffer of 0.25 per Fiscal Year for a total of 0.75 and allows for the continuity of services should the vendor receive additional funding in years 2 or 3 of the contract.

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A competitive sealed bid was not done since this was a City Council discretionary grant naming the vendor and allocating a specific amount to be paid for these services.

[Vendor Responsibility](#)

The vendor(s) recommended for award and the principal owners and officers were subject to a background check, and have been determined to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with United Way of New York City in Support of the Education Equity Action Plan Initiative

Procurement Method: City Council Allocation per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 1-03(c)

Estimated Highest Annual Amount: \$2,812,500.00

Estimated Total Amount: \$8,437,500.00

Funding Source: City Council Discretionary Funding

Contract Retroactive? Yes

Contract Term: 07/01/2024 – 06/30/2027; 3 Years

Options: None

Options Amount: None

Contract Type: Full Value

RA Number: 12334

Vendor Name: United Way of New York City

Vendor Address: 205 East 42nd St, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Contract Manager: Brian Carlin, Senior Social Studies Instruction Specialist, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Lead Contracting Officer: Jacqueline Mcallister, Senior Director of Finance, Division of Curriculum and Instruction

Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Akil Ward, Procurement Analyst, Strategic Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction to contract with United Way of New York City (“UWNYC”) to provide an Education Equity Action Plan in schools throughout New York City.

Discussion

City Council has funded three organizations to collaborate on the creation of a Latine Studies Curriculum with and for New York City Public Schools. The project has a three-year arc. In Year 1, the goal is to engage communities to create a blueprint of the curriculum that is unveiled at a spring event. United Way of New York City will serve as project lead and engage community via town halls, community library development, and research and development around curricular innovations to inform curriculum design and development.

The Education Equity Action Plan provided through UWNYC’s Education Equity Commission program is charged with overall accountability and direction of advancing a comprehensive K-12 Curriculum. A plan will be developed for school staff professionals to bridge the information gaps of teachers.

Education Equity Commission program aims to help:

- Build public will towards the creation of the curriculum across the NYC public school system
- Make this a substantial initiative to ensure the impact is felt beyond the first year
- Keep ongoing relationship with DOE and other key agencies
- Develop and execute a communications plan to raise awareness of the Black History Commission and actively engage stakeholders including the general public, schools, parents, families, and leaders from business, philanthropy and the public sectors

- Align support for the initiative from all sectors and identifying opportunities for expansion, additional support

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Vendor Responsibility

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