Contracts Agenda for the Meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy - Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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Multiple Task Award Contract	WITHDRAWN	N/A	N/A	N/A	4
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Competitive Sealed Bidding	Musical Instruments - Brass, Woodwind, & Percussion	$1,635,815	$4,907,445	3 Years	13
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Negotiated Services	Early Childhood 2K & 3K RFI FCCN New Awards	$4,929,899.71	$9,859,799.42	2 Years	15
Amendments and Extensions	Birth to Five Bundled Amendments	$640,129.44	$1,378,920	3 Years	16
Amendments and Extensions	HHS OCS Allowance Clause Amendments	$158,610	$158,610	2 Years	17
Amendments and Extensions	Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Services for High Need Schools	$4,221,388	$4,221,388	1 Year	18
Amendments and Extensions	Requirements Contract for Boiler Repairs	TBD	TBD	19 Months	19
Amendments and Extensions	Split Air Conditioning Systems Repair and Replacement	$2,264,496	$4,528,992	2 Years	20
Amendments and Extensions	Transportation for Students by Not-For-Profit 4-07(b)	$286,297,761	$565,276,170	2 Years	21
Listing Application	Textbooks and Ancillary Materials - Achievements Tutor Services LLC	$100,000	$300,000	3 Years	22
Listing Application	Textbooks and Ancillary Materials - Kinder Publishing Inc	$130,000	$390,000	3 Years	23
Listing Application	Textbooks and Ancillary Materials - Voices International Publications Inc	$25,100	$75,300	3 Years	24
Emergency	July-August 2026 Emergency Extension for NYC School Bus Umbrella Services Inc.	$12,034,337	$12,034,337	1-Month	25
Purchases through Governmental Contracts	Bottled Drinking Water & Compact Water Coolers	$1,316,875	$5,267,500	4 Years	26

Purchases through Governmental Contracts	DOE's Condom Availability Program	$20,000	$100,000	5 Years	27
Purchases through Governmental Contracts	Oracle Products and Services	$1,650,358.95	$1,650,358.95	1 Year	28

Request for Authorization to Contract with Panorama Education to Provide Survey Services for RFP R1252

Procurement Method: Request for Proposals per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-03
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $4,220,000.00
Estimated Total Amount: $16,880,000.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 4 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $8,440,000.00
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12837

Vendor Name: Panorama Education Inc.
Vendor Address: 109 Kingston Street Fifth Floor, Boston, MA, 02111

Contract Manager: Tatiana Villanueva-Colman, Director of Survey Initiatives, Office of School Performance (OSP)
Lead Contracting Officer: Jonathan Winstone, Director of Operations, Office of Policy and Evaluation (OPE)
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Sophia Hargraves, Director of Strategic Procurement, Division of Contracts and Purchasing

Purpose

The New York Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Policy and Evaluation ("OPE") to contract with Panorama Education, Inc. ("Panorama") for the design, administration, and reporting of independent surveys to collect feedback from public school students, parents/families, teachers and support staff.

This Request for Proposal ("RFP") solicited proposals for services that will include, but are not limited to: facilitating survey design; preparing training/support materials; scheduling survey administration (including administration protocols and scripts for survey deployment); managing participant identity; documenting translation by DOE's in-house translation-service provider or their own subcontractor; printing and distributing paper survey materials; hosting and managing online surveys; facilitating results reporting, including through an online reporting platform; tracking and troubleshooting issues; and supporting schools during survey administration.

Discussion

One of the DOE's priorities is to ensure the voices of school communities, including students, families, and staff, be incorporated into school improvement efforts and DOE policy. The NYC School Survey is part of an initiative aimed at helping school leaders understand what key members of the school community say, through their independent feedback, about the learning environment at each school. NYC School Survey results are incorporated into the School Quality Reports, the DOE's local school accountability tool. Based on a research-based framework, the NYC School Survey aligns to the School Quality Report metrics: Instruction and Performance, Safety and School Climate, and Relationship with Families. The NYC School Survey will collect vital information by measuring the extent to which each school provides these essential elements necessary to drive school improvement. The NYC School Survey must also be available both on paper and online. The survey population includes nearly 1.7

million school stakeholders, i.e. teachers, selected other school staff, students in grades 6-12, and families (i.e. parents/guardians) with students in NYC schools in grades 3K to 12 across more than 1,900 schools and 1,400 early childhood programs.

The DOE ensures teachers have a diverse set of information to assist them with improving instruction. The Student Perception Survey is a confidential, research-based, and anonymous student survey that provides teachers with valuable feedback from students about their classroom experiences. Teachers, principals, districts, and central staff receive reports and data from the Student Perception Survey to be used to inform classroom practices and improvements. The survey population includes nearly 470,000 students in grades 6-12 and is administered online, providing feedback to approximately 41,000 teachers.

The DOE released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") – R1252 in May 2025 seeking to partner with one or more vendors to provide independent surveys to collect feedback from public school students, parents, teachers, and other school staff. The services sought through this RFP were defined in two components, as follows:

- Component 1: Student Perception Survey
- Component 2: NYC School Survey

Vendors were given the option to submit proposals for each component separately or as a single award for both components; a single vendor could be awarded both components, and separate vendors may be selected for each component.

Four vendors responded to the RFP with a total of eight proposals: four proposals for each of the two components.

The evaluation committee consisted of representatives from the Office of School Performance ("OSP"), the Office of Policy and Evaluation ("OPE"), and the Research and Policy Support Group ("RPSG") with expertise and knowledge in the assignment, provision, and supervision of the services covered in the RFP. Proposals for each component were evaluated and scored based on Organizational Capacity (20), Program Plan (25), Pricing (20) and Demonstrated Effectiveness (35).

Panorama Education is recommended for award for both Component 1, Student Perception Survey, and Component 2, NYC School Survey. Panorama Education will provide survey design, administration, analysis, and reporting services as described above.

Panorama Education proposed a total contract amount of $18,003,914 to provide the Student Perception Survey and NYC School Survey. Negotiations led Panorama Education to reduce the amount by $1,123,914 (6.2%), resulting in a final total contract amount of $16,880,000.

Panorama Education's contract amount is 6% higher than the other proposer in the second round of evaluation. However, the evaluation committee considered Panorama's program plan to be technically superior, resulting in Panorama being the only vendor that advanced to the Best and Final Offer stage. The contract amount is also 11% higher than the amount the DOE paid for both surveys in SY24-25. The DOE attributes the higher pricing to new requirements such as open-ended survey questions and additional requirements for translations which weren't included under the current contract (2015). After considering the additional costs Panorama will incur to provide these new and additional requirements and that prices will be fixed during the 4-year contract term, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

Based on the nature of these services, the DOE determined this procurement was not a good candidate for unbundling due to the specifications and unique demands required for the services sought on this RFP. It was anticipated that few firms would be able to meet all the requirements.

Pursuant to the DOE's Procurement Policy and Procedures ("PPP"), Section 3-03(i)(6), this RFP provides for a quantitative preference for proposals submitted by Minority-and/or Women-owned Business Enterprises ("M/WBE") that are New York City certified, or New York State certified. The quantitative preference was in the form of a ten percent (10%) preference of the total technical points earned in the evaluation of the submitted proposal.

The M/WBE subcontracting goals therewith carried an overall 30% MWBE subcontracting goal, with disaggregated goals of 10% Black, 10% Hispanic, and 10% Unspecified.

A contract for these services is necessary because the DOE does not have the expertise, personnel, or resources to meet the program's objective. A RFP was the preferred method of procurement because of the need to qualitatively evaluate the proposing organizations and services offered.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

Panorama Education, Inc.

A review of Panorama Education, Inc.'s (Panorama) PASSPort submission revealed the following self-reported caution:

- In July 2022, the Missouri Attorney General's Office served Panorama with a civil investigative demand relating to student survey collection, storage, access, and distribution. The vendor advised that after cooperating with the Missouri Attorney General's Office's request in September 2022, it has not received any follow up regarding this matter.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- A March 2023 news report revealed that the Hamilton Southeastern School District in Indiana voted to potentially terminate its contract with Panorama over concerns of student privacy protection. Although the contract was not terminated, the district did not pursue further services from Panorama. Furthermore, there have been no recent reported incidents of data breaches.

As the DOE has a data-processing agreement in place with Panorama Education ensuring the confidentiality and security of any individual student data Panorama receives in connection with providing services to DOE, and the vendor has performed satisfactorily on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization for Arts Education Services – R1129 (RA50)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,465,000
Estimated Total Amount: $7,325,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: One; 3-Year **Options Amount:** $4,395,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12958

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 vendors 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 thirty vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and nine are 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.

All nine vendors enumerated below offer a comprehensive array of blue-print aligned arts education services spanning multiple service areas intended to support students' creative development and collaborative engagement through culturally responsive pedagogy, student-centered learning and parent engagement.

Pricing for all vendors 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 all vendors 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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendors Details

Vendor Names & Addresses	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
Community Word Project 11 Broadway Suite New York, NY 10004	1,2,3,4,5,6	$195,000 / $975,000
S Cool Sounds 111 2nd Place Brooklyn, NY 11231	2	$160,000 / $800,000
Spanish Dance Arts DBA Flamenco Vivo 4 W 43rd Street, Suite 608 New York, NY 10036	2,6	$350,000 / $1,750,000
People's Theatre Project 700 W 192nd Street New York, NY 10040	3,6	$50,000 / $250,000
Vivian Beaumont Theater 150 W 65th Street New York, NY 10023	3	$90,000 / $450,000
Puppetry in Practice 2900 Bedford Ave #0712 Brooklyn, NY 11210	3,4,5	$370,000 / $1,850,000
Hook Arts Media 480 Van Brunt Street #203 Brooklyn, NY 11231	1,2,3,4	$120,000 / $600,000
Joyce Theater Foundation 175 Eighth Ave New York, NY 10011-1694	1	$30,000 / $150,000
Theatre Moves, Inc. 275 E. 7th Street, Suite 4 New York, NY 10009	3,6	$100,000 / $500,000

***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):

Spanish Dance Arts Company Inc.

A January 2024 news article revealed multiple lawsuits were filed against Spanish Dance Arts Company Inc. d/b/a Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana (Flamenco Vivo) relating to race and color discrimination.

The vendor advised that all matters were settled in April 2024 via confidential settlement agreement and all unsubstantiated claims were dismissed with prejudice. Additionally, there was no admission of wrongful action or violation of the law. In response, Flamenco Vivo has thoroughly reviewed their employee handbook policies with counsel to ensure full compliance with federal, state, and city regulations, changed their payroll provider system to ensure full transparency for the organization and the employees, and lastly advised that all hiring, and terminations are reviewed by counsel.

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

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Request for Authorization for Professional Development Services for Early Childhood Educators – R1120 (RA 14)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,380,000
Estimated Total Amount: $6,900,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: One; 3-Year **Options Amount:** $4,140,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12991

Vendor Name: Bank Street College of Education
Vendor Address: 610 West 112th Street, New York, NY 10025
Awarded Component(s): A, B, C

Contract Manager: Christopher Steyskal, System Policy Support Specialist, Division of Early Childhood Education
Lead Contracting Officer: Christopher Steyskal, System Policy Support Specialist, Division of Early Childhood Education
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 Division of Early Childhood Education ("DECE") to contract with the above-named vendor for professional development services in Early Childhood education. These services will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortiums of schools.

Discussion

The Pre-K for All Quality Standards describes key practices of family engagement, rigorous and developmentally appropriate instruction, professional collaborations, and leadership that supports children in gaining the knowledge and skills outlined in the New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core.

Vendors awarded through this Multiple Task Award Contract ("MTAC") solicitation will provide professional development to staff members who either interface directly with children and families, or lead programs and supports adults serving children and families in Pre-K programs across the City. Through the collaboration between DECE and selected vendors, the resulting contracts will meet the diverse needs of Pre-K programs and staff across the City.

It is necessary to contract for these services because the DOE does not possess the capacity of expertise and resources necessary to meet the objectives of this program.

In response to the most recent solicitation, vendors proposed for one or more of these focus areas:

- Component A – Professional development designed for teachers, paraprofessionals (i.e., assistant teachers, teacher aides), family workers, parent coordinators, teacher leaders, and/or coaches across all Pre-K for All settings, including New York City Early Education Centers ("NYCEEC"), district schools, charter schools, and Pre-K Centers.

- Component B – Professional development designed for principals, site administrators, coaches, borough administrators, and/or NYCEEC directors.

- Component C – Professional development designed for building the capacity of DECE staff who support programs on an ongoing basis, such as Instructional Coordinators and Social Workers.

Proposals were distributed to an Evaluation Committee consisting of former instructors and operations personnel from DECE. To ensure consistency, a training session was conducted for all committee members where they received an overview of the process and a scoring rubric. Proposals were scored based on: Program Plan (40 points); Organizational Capacity (20 points); Pricing (20 points), and Demonstrated Effectiveness (20 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

Nineteen vendors were recommended under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is presented here.

Bank Street College of Education ("Bank Street") offers to provide professional development workshops, coaching, and seminars focused on delivering an interdisciplinary, research-based approach aligned with DECE early childhood teaching models to pedagogical, administrative, support, and leadership staff. To bolster participant's abilities to implement goal-oriented student support strategies, Bank Street employs professional learning and coaching sessions focused on building sustainable pedagogical practices to address a range of differentiated student needs.

Pricing for vendor is determined to be fair and reasonable based on comparison with hourly rates for like services by vendors contracted under this solicitation.

The estimated annual contract amount for Bank Street is based on their previous contract expenditure for similar services.

The MTAC 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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

Bank Street College of Education

In 2018, the New York State Comptroller (NYS Comptroller) conducted an audit of Bank Street College of Education's (Bank Street) reimbursable costs for its State Education Department (SED) Special Education programs for fiscal year 2014.

- The audit uncovered $585,047 in ineligible costs that Bank Street reported on its Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) and recommended that SED review the disallowances and the costs reported on Bank Street's CFR and adjust tuition reimbursement rates as necessary. Additionally, the NYS Comptroller recommended that SED work with Bank Street to ensure that costs reported on future CFRs comply with the requirements in the Reimbursable Cost Manual (Manual). Bank Street and SED advised that all recommendations outlined in the report are being addressed and the review of the disallowances and its' impact on the tuition rate is ongoing.

Additionally, the DOE is aware of the following information:

- A November 2020 news article reported a lawsuit was filed against Bank Street relating to a May 2020 data breach involving Bank Street students' personal information. The vendor advised that it immediately implemented both internal and external measures including mandatory security assessments to prevent future threats. The matter was dismissed in September 2025. Additionally, the DOE's Office of Information and Security advised that they have no cybersecurity concerns regarding this incident as it did not involve the DOE.

As the matters above are either 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.

Request for Authorization for Special Education Professional Development Services-R1160 (RA 15)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $3,530,000
Estimated Total Amount: $17,650,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: One, 3-Year **Options Amount:** $10,590,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12957

Vendor Name: See table below
Vendor Addresses: See Table below

Contract Manager: Monika Rosado, Director of Finance and Operations, Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning
Lead Contracting Officer: Monika Rosado, Director of Finance and Operations, Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Criselle Ramroop, Procurement Analyst, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Division of Inclusive and Accessible Learning ("DIAL") to contract with the below-named vendors to provide Special Education Professional Development ("PD") services. This contract will be utilized to provide ongoing training and support to the school community in establishing strategies directed toward diverse learners in a general education setting.

Discussion

The DOE is required to educate students with disabilities alongside their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate. Advances in teaching and learning for special education students allow educators to serve a wider range of students in general education settings.

The services sought through this Multiple Task Award Contract ("MTAC") include professional development, coaching, and parent training organized into 12 components: 1) Paraprofessional Workshops and Training, 2) Literacy Supports for Students with Disabilities, 3) Least Restrictive Environment, 4) Low Incidence Disabilities, 5) Bilingual Special Education, 6) Specially Designed Instruction, 7) Special Education Legislation and Regulation, 8) Assistive Technology and Accessible Educational Material Support, 9) Behavior Management, 10) Response to Intervention and Data Based Individualization, 11) Assessment, and 12) Autism.

Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The evaluation committee included a director of Math and Literacy Interventions and Access, Director of Contracts for the Special Education Office, and an Operations Support Coordinator. 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.

Eighteen vendors were recommended under previous Requests for Authorization, and two are recommended here.

New York University ("NYU") offers to provide professional development focused on Autism Spectrum Disorder ("ASD") Nest program to help schools facilitate successful learning experiences for children with autism in an inclusive classroom that addresses their core challenges in least restrictive settings. NYU also provides in-school consultation to help school staff apply Nest practices effectively in real time.

Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc., dba INCLUDEnyc offers interactive workshops focused on problem-solving, application of concepts in real-world situations, and support for educators and parents. The workshops concentrate on how the Individualized Education Program ("IEP") process may be leveraged to enhance access to the general curriculum for students with disabilities, including perspectives on related services, assistive technology, and autism therapies.

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

The estimated contract amount for both vendors is based on previous expenditures under contracts for similar services.

The MTAC 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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendor Details

Vendor Names and Addresses	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
New York University 665 Broadway, Room 801 New York, NY 10012	12	\$3,500,000 / \$17,500,000
Resources for Children with Special Needs Inc. dba Include NYC 520 Eight Avenue, 25th Floor, Suite 2503 New York, NY 10018	1,3,4,7,12	\$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. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

New York University

A review of New York University's (NYU) PASSPort filing identified the following cautions:

The first caution relates to a December 2022 indictment of NYU's former Director of Finance who was charged with money laundering, grand larceny, and falsifying business records relating to $3.5 million of NYU's state funded programs. On February 26, 2024, the former director entered a guilty plea with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and the New York State Comptroller and agreed to serve five years' probation. NYU advised upon learning of potential fraud that it conducted its own audit and notified the New State Education Department and New York State Comptroller's Office of its findings. Additionally, NYU advised that they have implemented a new electronic payment system to detect suspicious activity.

The second and third cautions relate to multiple investigations from 2021 to the present by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), NYS Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), New York City Commission on Human Rights (NYCCHR), Office of Civil Rights (OCR), Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection (BCFP), and the Illinois Consumer Fraud Bureau (ICFB)with varying results as follows:

- 17 EEOC investigations from 2021 to present, of which 4 remain pending with the rest settled or dismissed.
- 25 NYSDHR investigations from 2021 to the present, with 8 pending. Of the 17 completed investigations, all were dismissed or settled.
- 1 HUD investigation from 2025 that is currently pending.
- 2 NYCCHR investigations of discrimination from 2024, which are currently pending.
- 14 OCR investigations from 2021 to the present, of which 5 are pending, with the rest settled or dismissed.
- 1 BCFP investigation from 2022 that is closed.
- 1 ICFB investigation from 2024 that was dismissed.

The fourth and fifth cautions relate to a number of Environmental Control Board (ECB) fines ranging from $300 to $6,280, issued from 2017 to the present, by the Fire Department of New York (FDNY), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), New York City Department of Buildings (DOB), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the New York Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Most of the violations show no monies due or are pending a scheduled hearing. NYU advises that the outstanding fines will either be paid shortly or upon issuance of a final decision.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- A February 2026 news article reported that NYU experienced a $71 million deficit in its Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) due to its expenses growing faster than its revenue, uncertainty in federal funding, and decreases in international and graduate student enrollment. NYU advised that it implemented mitigation measures of administrative hiring freezes, reduced annual merit increases, and tighter expense management. Furthermore, the vendor advised for FY 2027 it will continue to implement measures, explore opportunities to grow their high-demand programs, and develop budgets aligned with foundational priorities.
- A January 2026 news article reported that the NYU community received two emails that contained hateful language and bomb threats targeting their Palladium Residence Hall and Silver Center on campus which resulted in swatting. NYU reinforced its safety preparedness measures by sending a campus -wide message and having the department's campus safety and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) secure the targeted areas and conduct top-to-bottom sweeps. The NYPD ultimately determined the threats to be non-credible. NYU hosted open office hours and an information session to address any questions, reminded its community of its counseling and discrimination reporting resources, and to complete their online mandatory active threat preparedness training.

- An October 2025 news article revealed that the NYU community received an email in September 2025 which contained hateful, racist language and threats targeting the Black students within NYU. NYPD determined the threat was a “swatting” incident and not credible. NYU advised it condemns hateful acts, and have a zero-tolerance policy towards all expressions of hate. NYU hosted open office hours and an information session to address any questions and reminded its community of its counseling and discrimination reporting resources.
- Numerous news reports revealed lawsuits against NYU relating to unpaid wages, wrongful termination, student vandalism, and campus safety, of which some were settled, and one remains pending.

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

Request for Authorization for School Wellness Services – R1164 (RA 18)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $90,000
Estimated Total Amount: $450,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $180,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12967

Vendor Name: Cairn Guidance, Inc.
Vendor Address: 1431 Tyler Park Drive, Louisville, KY, 40204
Awarded Component(s): 5,6

Contract Manager: Jennifer Davilla, Director, Budget & Human Resources Office of School Wellness Programs
Lead Contracting Officer: Jennifer Davilla, Director, Budget & Human Resources Office of School Wellness Programs
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Criselle Ramroop, Procurement Analyst, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of School Wellness Programs ("OSWP") to contract with the above-named vendor to provide supplemental school health and wellness-related services, programs, and professional development for students, staff, and/or families. These programs will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortia of schools.

Discussion

School wellness programs are necessary to provide instructional support and professional learning opportunities that are designed to help create the conditions, structures, and environments for Physical Education ("PE") and Health Education ("HE") results to succeed. These services include developing HE and PE teachers and additional members of the school community to integrate a process and content for wellness programs, such as food and nutrition habits, physical activity opportunities, and engagement within the school and family environments. The awarded vendors will assist OSWP in extending the reach of wellness-related work and maximizing the potential for schools to meet these students' health and wellness needs. Awarded vendors will supplement, but not supplant, the services provided by OSWP.

Vendors proposed for one or more of the following six (6) focus areas:

1) Physical Education Direct Student Support Services and Program Sustainability Development;
2) Health Education Direct Student Support Services and Program Sustainability Development;
3) Supplemental Health Ed-related and/or Physical Activity Wellness Programming Direct Student Services and Program Sustainability Development;
4) Professional Development for School Staff Teaching Physical Education;

5) Professional Development for School Staff Teaching Health Education; and,
6) Professional Development for Whole School Community – Supplemental Health Ed, Physical Activity, and/or Other.

Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The Evaluation Committee consisted of content experts such as former teachers and principals, program directors, or operations staff from DOE central offices. 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-Six vendors were recommended for contract awards under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is recommended here.

Cairn Guidance, Inc. offers to provide programs on skills-based health education that allows educators to effectively use role play as a teaching strategy, facilitate processing to reinforce lessons learned during role play and practice using rubrics and performance checklists to assess skills such as interpersonal communication, advocacy, self-management, goal-setting, decision making, accessing information and analyzing influences.

Pricing for the vendor was determined to be fair and reasonable based on comparison with hourly rates for services by vendors contracted under similar services.

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

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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 Professional Development, Direct Student Services, Family Enrichment, and Fairs/Expos for Elementary, Middle, and High School Sciences and STEM Education- R1253 (RA 16)

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: 12982

Vendor Name: STEM Teachers of New York City, Inc
Vendor Addresses: 245 West 107th Street, Ste 10B, New York, NY 10025
Awarded Component(s): 1

Contract Manager: Greg Borman, Director of Science, Division of Curriculum and Instruction
Lead Contracting Officer: Nicole Williams, Executive Director of STEM, Division of Curriculum and Instruction
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Dian Zhang Chen, Procurement Analyst, Instructional Service Procurement Unit

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Curriculum & Instruction to contract with the above-named vendor for professional development and direct student services for teaching elementary, middle, and high school Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math ("STEM") education. All services will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortiums of schools.

Discussion

This Multiple Task Award Contract ("MTAC") solicitation offers instructional programs for teachers to strengthen science teaching, reinforce and promote science knowledge, and develop the schools' community to support students pursuing careers in STEM fields. The direct student services are driven by student's grade level and programs can be utilized by different delivery points (hands-on activities, engineer design process approach, customized workshops, explorations, tours/trips, and standards-aligned inquiry-based STEM activities).

Students will be provided with opportunities to interact directly with the natural world, develop the skills they need to explain the world that surrounds them, practice problem-solving skills, develop positive science and engineering design attitudes, learn new science and engineering content, and increase their scientific and engineering literacy.

It is necessary to contract for these services because the DOE does not possess the expertise necessary to meet the objectives of this program.

Vendors proposed for one or more of the following focus areas: 1) Educator Professional Development and Capacity Building, 2) Direct Services to Students, 3) Family Engagement and Enrichment Services for Parent and School Community Groups, and 4) Coordination and Facilitation of Science and STEM Fairs/Expos and Student Competitions.

Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The evaluation committee included a director of technology and engineering, director of science, and citywide science 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.

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

STEM Teachers of New York City, Inc ("STONYC") provides professional development workshops for K-12 educators in science subjects and STEM methods to enhance instructional expertise in engineering design, phenomenon-based learning, and real-world problem solving. Workshops aim to strengthen science teaching through student-centered learning experiences, focused on scientific inquiry, crosscutting concepts, promoting engagement through research, discovery, and strategies for accommodating district-specific curriculum design.

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

The estimated annual contract amount for STONYC is based on the minimum amount for new vendors for Professional Development, Direct Student Services, Family Enrichment, and Fairs/Expos for Elementary, Middle and High School Sciences and STEM Education requirements contracts of $30,000 per 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 to meet the demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 Services to Promote Safe and Supportive School Communities R1155- RA29

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,600,000
Estimated Total Amount: $8,000,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable Funds
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: One, 3-Year **Options Amount:** $4,800,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12811

Vendor Name: New York Center for Interpersonal Development, Inc.
Vendor Address: 130 Stuyvesant Place, 5th Floor Staten Island, NY 10301
Awarded Component(s): 1,2,3,4,6,7

Contract Manager: Alex Lim, Senior Operations Manager, Office of Safety and Youth Development
Lead Contracting Officer: Alex Lim, Senior Operations Manager, Office of Safety and Youth Development
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Jean Charles, 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 above-named vendor to provide services that promote safe, inclusive, and supportive school communities. These 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

A study conducted by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning showed a correlation between students' academic achievement and their social and emotional development. Accordingly, services sought through this Multiple Task Award Contract ("MTAC") include professional development and curriculum-based lessons for students and family workshops in any of the following service components: 1) Social-Emotional Learning; 2) Behavior Management; 3) Promoting Respect for Diversity; 4) Facilitation Skills and/or Services/Team Building; 5) Integrated Services Program; 6) Restorative Approaches/Use of Positive, Progressive Discipline; 7) School Culture and Climate/Approach to Establishing and Sustaining a Positive School Culture and Climate; and 8) Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Services.

Organizations must have the capacity to provide related research-based services that may include full-day, half-day, or multiple-day workshops, individual or group coaching, on-going curriculum-based lessons for students, counseling sessions for individuals or groups on specific topics, student projects, and facilitation services. Awarded vendors will provide service models that build staff, student, and parent capacity to sustain a supportive, inclusive, and safe school environment.

All proposals were reviewed by an Evaluation Committee that consisted of guidance counselors, instructional specialists, operations analysts, managers, and directors from OSYD. 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.

Forty-nine vendors were recommended under previous Requests for Authorization, and one is presented here.

New York Center for Interpersonal Development, Inc.'s ("NYCID") programs are focused on best practices for healthy, asset-based youth services and staff development. The workshops are highly interactive and include role-playing, triads and dyads, cooperative learning activities, reflection, and discussion to instill positive change in at-risk communities, improve school community climate, and foster leadership, academic improvement, and personal growth among students.

Pricing for the NYCID has been determined to be fair and reasonable based on the comparison with hourly rates for similar services provided by vendors contracted under this solicitation.

The estimated annual contract amount for NYCID is based on prior contract expenditures for similar services.

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 MTAC 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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 (RA66)

Procurement Method: Multiple Task Award Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-04
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $2,781,000
Estimated Total Amount: $13,905,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy & City/State Reimbursable
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 5 Years
Options: One, 3-Year **Options Amount:** $8,343,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12979
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: Alex Lim, Senior Operations Manager, 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 vendors 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 fifty-seven vendors were recommended under previous Requests for Authorization, and five are 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.

College Summit and OneGoal specialize in programs designed to support college and post-secondary readiness, while Kaplan K12 Learning Services focuses on in-person SAT preparation, including full practice treats and online resources.

Good Shepherd Services and YMCA of Greater New York provide comprehensive suites of research-based, standards-aligned student and family support services covering a wide range of components, including leadership development, counseling, college and career readiness, along with behavioral and academic supports.

Pricing for all vendors 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 amounts for all vendors is based on their 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 the demand for such services and to offer a choice among vendors.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendor Details

Vendor Name & Address	Component(s)	Estimated Annual / Total Amount
College Summit, Inc. DBA Peer Forward 1140 3rd Street NE, Suite 320 Washington, DC 20002	6	$140,000 / $700,000
Good Shepherd Services 305 Seventh Avenue, 9th Floor New York, NY 10001	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19	$1,900,000 / $9,500,000
Kaplan K12 Learning Services, LLC 1515 West Cypress Creek Road Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309	16	$126,000 / $630,000
OneGoal, Inc. 180 N Wabash Avenue, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60601	6	$325,000 / $1,625,000
YMCA of Greater New York 5 West 63rd Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10023	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 17	$290,000 / $1,450,000

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. Noteworthy information was found for the following vendor(s):

Good Shepherd Services

A review of Good Shepherd Services' (GSS) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- The first caution relates to a February 2022 investigation by the Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City School District (SCI) regarding a GSS Learning-to-Work intern that engaged in inappropriate text message communications with another student. Additionally, SCI found that the intern, who began working with GSS while still a student, had not been properly fingerprinted and cleared to work in DOE schools following graduation. Upon notice of the intern's actions GSS terminated the individual, strengthened its onboarding processes, and required additional sexual harassment prevention training for all staff. The DOE placed GSS on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and GSS reimbursed the DOE for all monies paid to the intern for their time working after graduation. The CAP is now closed.
- The second caution relates to multiple investigations from October 2021 to December 2023 by the New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP), the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), and the New York City Office of Special Investigations (OSI):
    - OSI received a referral from SCI concerning the conduct of a GSS employee. OSI substantiated that the employee engaged in verbal abuse and sexual harassment towards a student in a GSS after-school program. Upon learning about the incident GSS suspended and later terminated the employee. GSS implemented training related to verbal abuse and sexual harassment to prevent this from recurring in the future.
    - DOI investigated GSS after two youth residents absconded from GSS' Sharp House Non-Secure Detention (NSD) program while traveling in a van. Based on DOI's findings, GSS created an action plan which detailed staff placement in the van based on the number of residents in the van. The vendor advised that it is in compliance with all New York City Administration Children Services (ACS) polices related to the transportation of youth residents. The matter now is closed.
    - DCWP investigated GSS regarding the termination of an employee based on use of leave. GSS settled with DCWP without admission of wrongdoing and compensated the employee a total of $7,500.

PASSPort also revealed the following information from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Responsibility Determination (RD):

- A July 2024 news report revealed a lawsuit filed against GSS related to allegations of abuse at a GSS residential program. The vendor advised that the case was settled on July 11, 2024, and was required to pay $75,000.
- From November 2024 until November 2025, GSS disclosed 11 cases of client abuse and neglect. A review by ACS and DYCD found the corrective actions provided by GSS to be prudent based on the information provided.

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

Kaplan K12 Learning Services, LLC

A July 2021 news article revealed a lawsuit was filed against Kaplan K12 Learning Services, LLC's (Kaplan K12) parent Kaplan, Inc. (Kaplan) that includes allegations and violation claims under the False Claims Act relating to eligibility for Title IV funding. On July 26, 2021, the case was dismissed with prejudice.

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

YMCA of Greater New York

A review of Young Men's Christian Association of Greater New York's (YMCA) PASSPort submission revealed the following information from the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) Responsibility Determination (RD):

- A January 2024 news article revealed that a lawsuit was filed against the YMCA relating to a slip and fall incident at a YMCA facility in May 2015. In April 2025, the case was discontinued with prejudice.
- A February 2023 news article revealed that a lawsuit was filed against the YMCA relating to a slip and fall pool incident in August 2017 which allegedly caused the death of a YMCA member in April 2020. In May 2026, the case was settled and discontinued with prejudice.
- A January 2023 news article revealed that a lawsuit was filed against the YMCA relating to an alleged sexual assault at a YMCA facility. In March 2023, the case was discontinued with prejudice.

As the matters above have been resolved, 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 for System-Wide Program Evaluation Services – R0995 (RA 26)

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: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12954

Vendor Name: Laurus Grant Writing & Evaluation Services, LLC
Vendor Address: 37 Kings Road #103B, Madison, NJ 07940

Contract Manager: Heather Wilson, Executive Director, Research & Policy Support Group
Lead Contracting Officer: Heather Wilson, Executive Director, Research & Policy Support Group
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: John Moreno, Procurement Analyst, Instructional Service Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Policy and Evaluation ("OPE") to contract with the above-named vendor for system-wide program evaluation services. All services will be provided at the discretion of participating schools, central offices operating on behalf of schools, or consortiums of schools.

Discussion

This is the twenty-fourth Request for Authorization ("RA") for contracts recommended for award pursuant to a Multiple Task Award Contract ("MTAC") solicitation seeking vendors to provide comprehensive evaluation services for various instructional programs and professional services, including needs assessments, logic models, surveys, focus groups, implementation evaluations, outcome evaluations, and data analysis summarized in written reports.

Schools, districts, and DOE central and field offices implement various programs for instructional support, staff development, conflict resolution, and other types of pedagogical services. In order to determine the success and effectiveness of these programs, a qualitative evaluation must often be conducted.

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.

Proposals were evaluated by a minimum of three evaluators. The Evaluation Committee included program directors, a former teacher, and research and data manager from OPE. Proposals were scored based on the following criteria: Program Plan (25 points); Pricing (25 points); Organizational Capacity (25 points); and Demonstrated Effectiveness (25 points). Successful vendors were required to achieve a minimum score of 80 points.

Thirty-eight vendors were recommended for contract awards in previous Requests for Authorization, and one is named here.

The costs of program evaluation services vary and depend on the scale of the program being evaluated.

Laurus Grant Writing & Evaluation Services, LLC., ("LGWES") offers to provide customized evaluation designs that includes collection of both quantitative and qualitative data, on-site observations, interviews, surveys, and final reports. LGWES works with program staff to define objectives and use frameworks such as the Specific Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timebound (SMART) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System ("CLASS").

LGWES pricing 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 contract amount for LGWES is based on the estimated annual amount for the new vendor for system-wide program evaluation services requirements contracts of $30,000.

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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 Sweetwater Sound, LLC to Provide Musical Instruments and Accessories

Procurement Method: Request for Bids per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-02
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,635,815
Estimated Total Amount: $4,907,445
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 3 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $1,635,815
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 13031

Vendor Name: Sweetwater Sound, LLC
Vendor Address: 5501 US Hwy 30 W Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Contract Manager: Shifat Jahreen, Director of Arts Education Program Implementation, Division of Curriculum and Instruction
Lead Contracting Officer: Paul Thompson, Executive Director, Office of Arts and Special Projects
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Debraj Das, Procurement Analyst, Enterprise Operations Procurement, School Based 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 Sweetwater Sound, LLC to provide musical instruments and their accessories that are categorized as brass, woodwind, and percussion to New York City Public Schools. Funding will be provided by central office and individual schools' budgets.

Discussion

In collaboration with OASP, a Request for Bids ("RFB") was released to the public seeking a variety of musical instruments (brass, woodwind, percussion) and their respective accessories. The RFB consisted of eighty (80) Aggregate Classes ("ACs") to facilitate schools' ability to purchase the full range of instruments included in the various types of bands offered in schools across New York City. Examples of these bands are Concert, Jazz, Marching, and Latin Ensemble.

Bidders were required to submit a percentage discount off of the manufacturer's catalog price list. Bidders were required to bid on all items in a Class to be considered for an award.

Five (5) bids were received. Of the eighty (80) ACs, the five Bidders responded to seventy-one (71) ACs. Out of the seventy-one (71) ACs, Sweetwater Sound, LLC ("Sweetwater") is being recommended as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for fifty-seven (57) ACs.

Wright Music Inc. was identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for eleven (11) ACs and will be awarded on a second Request for Authorization.

Peripole Inc. was identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for two (2) ACs: (AC 26 American Drum Company accessories and AC 74 Steve Weiss accessories).

For AC 15 - Eastman, United Supply Corp., the only bidder, failed to submit a discount as required. A non-responsive letter was sent, and no protest was received.

The remaining nine (9) ACs: AC 17 - Gemeinhardt, AC 27 - APM accessories, AC 38 - Ferree's accessories, AC 39 - Frank Epstein accessories, AC 44 - Horn Flush accessories, AC 48 - JG Percussion accessories, AC 51 - Jurgen Konigs accessories, AC 58 - MKL accessories, and AC 63 - Regal Tip accessories all did not receive bids, and the program office has decided not to re-bid.

The estimated contract amount is based on previous expenditures.

The percentage discount offered by Sweetwater Sound, LLC ranges up to 64% per class and therefore, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Award Chart

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
AC 2 – Conn	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$121,650
	Wright Music INC	$123,750
	United Supply Corp	$270,000
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 3 – Holton	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$44,715
	Wright Music INC	$57,650
	United Supply Corp	$102,000
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 4 – King	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$54,720
	Wright Music INC	$55,140
	United Supply Corp	$129,600
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 5 – LeBlanc	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$69,422
	Wright Music INC	$70,400
	United Supply Corp	$151,200
	Peripole INC	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 6 - Ludwig	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$32,100
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$72,000
	Peripole INC	$57,000
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 7 - Musser	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$26,750
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$60,000
	Peripole INC	$47,500
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 8 - Prelude	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$28,000
	Wright Music INC	$32,800
	United Supply Corp	$48,000
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 11 - Yanaglsawa	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$4,025
	Wright Music INC	No bid
	United Supply Corp	$8,400
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 14 – Misc	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$25,104
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$57,600
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 16 - Fox	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$22,746
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 18 - Jupiter	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$42,964
	Wright Music INC	$44,160
	United Supply Corp	$110,400
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 19 – Sonor Orff	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$59,200
	Wright Music INC	No bid
	United Supply Corp	$96,000
	Peripole INC	$76,000
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 20 – Latin Percussion	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$26,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$45,200
	Peripole INC	$38,000
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 21 – Pearl Adams	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$445,250
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$595,950
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 22 – Yamaha	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$282,550
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$388,000
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	Partial Bid
AC 23 - Zildjian	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$89,700
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	$132,480
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 24 – Adams Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 25 – Al Class Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 28 – Bach Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,000
	Wright Music INC	$5,500
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 29 – BAM Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 30 – Bari Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 32 – Black Swamp Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,700
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
AC 33 – Boss Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 36 – DEG Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,900
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 37 – Dennis Wick Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,900
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 40 – Gibraltar Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 41 – Grover Pro Precussion Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$5,700
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 42 – Hetman Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
AC 45 – Humes & Berg Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$4,440
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 46 – J&D Hite Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,300
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 47 – Jazzlab Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 49 – Jo- Ral Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,300
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 52 – Konig & Meyer Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,600
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 53 – Korg Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$6,000
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 54 – Latin Percussion Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,960

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$5,700
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 55 – Ludwig Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,500
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 56 – Manhasset Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$47,500
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 57 – Mike Balter Mallets	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$3,600
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 59 – Mollard Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,700
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 60 – Otto Link Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,100
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 61 – Paiste Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,700
	Wright Music INC	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 62 – Pearl Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 64 – Remo Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$7,650
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$8,550
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 66 – Joc -N- Soc Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,100
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 67 – Roland/Bass Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 68 – Sabian Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$9,000
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$9,500
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 69 – Schilke Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 70 – Selmer Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$6,500
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 71 – SKB Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$4,194
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
AC 72 – Snark Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$5,700
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 73 – Sshhmute Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 75 – Superstick Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,400
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 76 – Trophy Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$5,100
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid

Aggregate Class	Bidders	Total Bid Amount
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 77 – Vandoren Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$4,710
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 78 – Vic Firth Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$7,665
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 79 – Yamaha Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$7,500
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	$10,500
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid
AC 80 – Zildjain Accessories	Sweetwater Sound, LLC	$13,500
	Wright Music INC	No Bid
	United Supply Corp	No Bid
	Peripole INC	No Bid
	Song of Songs Group	No Bid
	Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center	No Bid

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 Award Vendors to Provide 2K & 3K Services

Procurement Method: Negotiated Services Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-08
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $6,852,024.00
Estimated Total Amount: $14,019,048.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028; 2 Years
Options: One, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $7,840,746.00
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 13026

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Monique Scales, Chief of Finance, People and Culture , Division of Early Childhood Education
Lead Contracting Officer: Teija Sudol, Chief of Policy and Program Implementation, 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 enter into Negotiated Service contracts with the vendors listed below for funding to support the creation of new 2-K seats and 3-K seats in 2026-27 (Year 1) and more 2-K seats in 2027-28 (Year 2). In Year 1, 2-K seats will be placed in targeted school districts (6, 10, 18, 23, 27) in alignment with our commitment to expanding access to high-quality early care and education for our youngest learners and their families. 3-K seats will be placed in communities where there is unmet need, expanding access across all 5 boroughs to create universal 3-K. In Year 2, 2-K seats will be placed in approximately half of the remaining school districts.

Discussion

In April 2017, the City announced the introduction of a 3-K for All program ("3-K") in order to expand high-quality early childhood care and education for New York City children. As part of this expansion, all birth-to-five services would be transferred to the DOE's control from the Administration for Children's Services ("ACS") so that all contracted early care and education programs would be under one system. This transfer process was completed in July 2019.

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 Family Child Care Network services (R1278) and for Head Start Services (R1268) in the spring of 2019 and an RFP for birth-to-five services in Covid Impacted Neighborhoods (R1344) in spring 2021. Family Child Care Network services began in July 2020; the remainder of the services contracted through these RFPs began in July 2021. Collectively, these services comprise New York City's birth-to-five system, which provides every eligible child with free, full-day, high-quality early care and education.

Following a new financial commitment from City tax levy and State funding, the DECE seeks authorization to create new 2-K seats and new 3-K seats, with a goal of operationalizing them by September 2026.

DECE solicited non-DOE contracted programs across the city who were interested in providing 2-K and 3-K services. From there, DECE identified eligible programs based on school districts and zip codes to provide more information about their intent and capacity to serve 2-K and 3-K students. Contracts are necessary, as DOE does not have the capacity or personnel to provide direct care.

2-K Expanded Day and Full Year ("EDFY") seats will offer year-round care, 10 hours per day, up to 260 days annually, with limited eligibility requirements, and where appropriate, School Day and Year ("SDY") seats. The annualized cost per child for EDFY is $42,480.00. 2-K and 3-K School Day and Year ("SDY") will offer care for 180 days September- June for 6 hours and 20 minutes. The annualized cost per child for 2-K SDY is $28,249.00 and $23,541.00.17 for 3-K SDY. In order to accommodate continuity of care, programs proposing for 3-K SDY are eligible to add Pre-K SDY for the following year (2027/28).

This investment advances a more equitable and comprehensive early childhood system that meets the developmental and family needs of New York City's youngest children.

In addition, this contract will include an allowance clause to provide a contingency for future citywide funding initiatives and to eliminate the administrative burden of processing amendments for anticipated budgetary increases such as cost-of-living increases, changes in indirect cost rates, and other funding increases. It will also include no cost language related to use of funding from other public funding sources and charging a fee to families.

These contracts are retroactive due to a delay in finalizing the full scope of work & budget amounts needed.

The Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended the approval of these contracts at the meeting held on June 3rd, 2026.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Awards Details

Site ID	Vendor Name	2K SDY Slots	2K EDFY Slots	3k SDY Slots	2027/2028 3k Slots	Startup	Annual Contract Amount	Total Contract Amount
KENL	Adams Street Daycare	-	-	30	-	$30,000.00	$706,230.00	$1,442,460.00
KERV	Angel Star Childcare Center Inc.	-	-	30	-	$30,000.00	$706,230.00	$1,442,460.00
KESN	Brightkidz Childcare Corp.	-	-	45	-	$45,000.00	$1,059,345.00	$2,163,690.00
KESB	BROOKLYN ELITE CENTER INC.	-	-	15	-	$15,000.00	$353,115.00	$721,230.00
KESJ	Discovery PitStop Inc.	-	-	12	-	$15,000.00	$282,492.00	$579,984.00

KESH	Future Lights Children's Center Inc.	-	-	14	-	$15,000.00	$329,574.00	$674,148.00
KESK	Greenpoint Baby LLC	-	-	15	-	$15,000.00	$353,115.00	$721,230.00
RANN	Hylan Day Care 2 Inc	-	-	27	-	$30,000.00	$635,607.00	$1,301,214.00
MCBU	LC of 91st Street LLC	-	-	13	-	$15,000.00	$306,033.00	$627,066.00
KESA	Learning Mentor Inc	-	-	30	-	$30,000.00	$706,230.00	$1,442,460.00
KCBA	Solade Day Care Inc.	-	15	-	-	$30,000.00	$637,200.00	$1,304,400.00
QAMX	The Church in the Gardens	-	-	15	-	$15,000.00	$353,115.00	$721,230.00
KENG	The League School	-	-	18	-	$30,000.00	$423,738.00	$877,476.00

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):

LC of 91st Street LLC

On April 7, 2026, a former employee of affiliate Sunshine LC of 3rd Ave LLC (Sunshine LC), engaged in rough and aggressive conduct towards children while servicing students at a DOE-contracted site. On April 8, 2026, Sunshine LC reported the matter to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and immediately removed the employee from classroom responsibilities pending its internal review. On April 15, 2026, the employee was terminated.

On April 9, 2026, DOHMH initiated an investigation into the incident and identified concerns involving employees handling of children, as well as deficiencies related to supervision of children, staff-to-child ratios, and compliance with corporal punishment requirements. On May 26, 2026, DOHMH issued an order immediately suspending Sunshine LC's permit based on the findings of its investigation and required Sunshine LC to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to ensure the safety of all children in its care before the program could reopen. Sunshine LC submitted a CAP addressing the identified deficiencies through strengthened supervision and reporting policies, formalized classroom observation procedures, camera monitoring protocols, revised footage retrieval procedures, and staff retraining on supervision standards, de-escalation techniques, corporal punishment prohibition, and mandated reporting obligations.

Subsequently, on June 11, 2026, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) issued Sunshine LC a show cause letter based on concerns regarding its contractual requirements as to corporal punishment, supervision, and the health and safety of the children it serves. On June 30, 2026, after reviewing the vendor's June 13, 2026, response, the DOE determined that it would close the show cause process since Sunshine LC agreed to a CAP. Sunshine LC was advised that any future contract violations or additional information relating to this matter could result in the DOE revisiting the possibility of contract termination.
As the above matter relates to an affiliate, and Sunshine LC has taken the corrective actions to resolve its issues, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Learning Mentor Inc.

A December 2025 news article revealed that a lawsuit was filed by a former employee in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York against Learning Mentor Inc. (Learning Mentor) related to allegations of employment discrimination and wage violations. The vendor advised the matter is pending.

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

Request for Authorization to Award Vendors to Provide 2K & 3K Services

Procurement Method: Negotiated Services Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-08
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $4,929,899.71
Estimated Total Amount: $9,859,799.42
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028; 2 Years
Options: One, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $4,929,899.71
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12948

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Monique Scales, Chief of Finance, People and Culture , Division of Early Childhood Education
Lead Contracting Officer: Teija Sudol, Chief of Policy and Program Implementation, 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 enter into Negotiated Service contracts with the vendors listed below for funding to support the creation of 2-K seats. These seats will be placed in communities across New York City with high economic need and fewer eligibility barriers, in alignment with our commitment to expanding access to high-quality early care and education for our youngest learners and their families.

Discussion

A Request for Proposals ("RFP") – R1278 was released on June 12, 2019, and sought to identify eligible, high-quality FCCNs that were willing to collaborate with DECE to operate Family Child Care Networks through stand-alone contracts that are not tied to EarlyLearn. Following a new financial commitment from City tax levy and State funding, the DECE seeks authorization to create new 2-K seats with a goal of operationalizing approximately 2,000 in September 2026 and approximately 10,000 in September 2027. This commitment also includes an expansion of 3-K seats to accommodate additional unmet need across the city.

To meet this ambitious timeline, DECE solicited non-DOE contracted programs across the city who were interested in providing 2-K and 3-K services. From there, DECE identified eligible programs based on the school districts and ZIP codes with the highest economic and community need and then confirmed their intent and capacity to serve 2-K and 3-K students. Contracts are necessary, as DOE does not have the capacity or personnel to provide direct care.

2-K Expanded Day and Full Year ("EDFY") seats will offer year-round care, 10 hours per day, up to 260 days annually, with limited eligibility requirements, and where appropriate, School Day and Year ("SDY") seats. The annualized cost per child for EDFY is $42,480.00. 2-K and 3-K School Day and Year ("SDY") will offer care for 180 days September- June for 6 hours and 20 minutes. The annualized cost per child for 2-K SDY is $28,249.00 and $23,541.00.17 for 3-K SDY. In order to accommodate continuity of care, programs proposing for 3-K SDY are eligible to add Pre-K SDY for the following year (2027/28).

This investment advances a more equitable and comprehensive early childhood system that meets the developmental and family needs of New York City's youngest children.

In addition, this contract will include an allowance clause to provide a contingency for future citywide funding initiatives and to eliminate the administrative burden of processing amendments for anticipated budgetary increases such as cost-of-living increases, changes in indirect cost rates, and other funding increases. It will also include no cost language related to use of funding from other public funding sources and charging a fee to families.

These contracts are retroactive due to a delay in finalizing the full scope of work & budget amounts needed.

The Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended the approval of these contracts at the meeting held on July 2nd, 2026.

Awards Details

Site ID	Vendor Name	Total Contract Amount
551Q	Heavenly Hands Nurturing Daycare	$4,926,900.02
1420M	The Childcare Hub	$4,932,899.40

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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: $640,129.44
Estimated Amendment Total: $1,378,920.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 3 Years
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12945

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 birth-to-five services, to change slot types and/or increase the number of slots based on community need, and/or to provide additional funding in accordance with various DOE initiatives.

Discussion

A Request for Proposals ("RFP R1267" or the "RFP"), which was released on March 5, 2019, sought to identify eligible, high-quality vendors willing to collaborate with the DECE to provide birth-to-five services, consisting of both Extended Day and Year ("EDY") slots for income-eligible children ages six-weeks to five-years-old, and School Day and Year Slots ("SDY") with universal eligibility for children ages three- and four-years-old. Contracts were awarded through the RFP with vendors receiving a specified number of slots, broken down by service model and age group. Per-child rates were negotiated for each slot type and age group.

Since these contracts were registered by the Comptroller's Office, a number of issues have arisen requiring an amendment to the original contracts to provide additional funding for certain initiatives, and in some cases, for the vendor to offer additional slots or different service types. Depending on the circumstances, vendors may be receiving a contract amendment for the following reasons:

Changes to Slot Type: After registration, a number of vendors informed the DECE that changes to their contracts were required in order to be responsive to the needs of families interested in enrolling their children. Specifically, these vendors reported that fewer families than anticipated were interested in enrolling children in EDY slots and that demand for SDY slots exceeded the contracted allotment. DECE met with each vendor to discuss the changes and now recommends amending the contracts to better meet the needs of children and families and ensure that vendors have adequate resources to operate a high-quality program.

Addition of School Day and Year 3-K & Year 4-K for all services: DECE performed a needs analysis for full-day 3-K & 4-K seats, measuring the seat gap by evaluating the difference between the estimated number of students in each district and zone, and the number of seats available. DECE conducted outreach to current providers in to express intent and demonstrate capacity to provide additional services at their contracted locations.

Vendors requiring start-up funds were offered additional resources outside of their negotiated per-child rate for the first year of their contract amendment. These funds will support facility improvements necessary for their required Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DOHMH") permit, other small upgrades, or for furniture and other materials for their new classrooms. DOHMH space requirements limit each classroom to 15 students with one lead teacher and one paraprofessional.

The chart below lists the vendors recommended for a contract amendment, and which of the categories listed above are applicable to each vendor:

Vendor Details

Site ID	Vendor Name	Term	Slot Allocation	Toddler Amendment	3K Amendment	4K Amendment	Start-Up	Annual Amendment Amount	Total Amendment Amount
XCJQ	LITTLE DAYDREAMERS LEARNING CENTER 3	7/1/2023-6/30/2026	-	-	-	$541,468.32	-	$180,489.44	$541,468.32
KCNW	Okie Dokie, Inc.	7/1/2023-6/30/2026	-	-	$791,190.00	-	-	$263,730.00	$791,190.00
KEBC	THE REGGIO EMILIA MONTESSORI CENTER, LLC	7/1/2023-6/30/2026	-	-	-	$587,730.00	-	$195,910.00	$587,730.00

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 Health and Human Services Contracts to Provide Allowances for Future Budgetary Increases

Procurement Method: Contract Amendment per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 4-08
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $158,610.00
Estimated Total Amount: $158,610.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: See Term Below
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Full Value
RA Number: 13007

Vendor Name: See List Below

Contract Manager: Hayat Rehawi, Operations Manager, Office of Community Schools
Lead Contracting Officer: Toby Reyes, Senior Operations Manager, Office of Community Schools
Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Hany Amin, Director, Health & Human Services

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Community Schools ("OCS"), Office of Student Pathways ("OSP"), and Early Childhood Education ("ECE") to amend health and human services ("HHS") contracts listed below to include an allowance clause to provide a contingency for future citywide funding initiatives.

This Request for Authorization ("RA") seeks approval to amend the contracts for the OCS program. RAs for each of the remaining programs will be seeking separate approval.

Discussion

Based on the recommendations of "A Better Contract for New York - A Joint Task Force to Get Nonprofits Paid on Time," New York City is amending current HHS contracts to include an allowance clause. This allowance clause will eliminate the administrative burden of processing amendments for anticipated budgetary increases such as cost-of-living increases, changes in indirect cost rates, and other funding increases. By incorporating the allowance clause into HHS contracts, the expectation is that this change will significantly reduce contract delays and create a more efficient contract process.

As a non-mayoral agency, the DOE has opted to align with the City in amending its current eligible HHS contracts, of which the OSP, OCS, and ECE programs were among the service areas deemed eligible for the allowance. Adopting the allowance clause to essentially build in contingency amounts eliminates the need to do single transactional amendments (i.e. COLA, ICR, WEI, etc.). Based on analysis, the City determined that 25% contingency is sufficient to provide for budget adjustments for in-scope changes that normally require amendments. Incorporating this clause is less burdensome for future amendments for in-scope changes resulting from citywide funding initiatives.

The Community School strategy is based on a growing body of evidence showing that an integrated focus on academics, health and mental health services, social services, expanded learning opportunities (such as afterschool and summer enrichment activities), positive youth development, and family and community supports is critical to improving student achievement and bolstering equitable outcomes for all students, including vulnerable populations. Through collaborative planning, strategic resource allocation, and community-based partnerships, Community Schools create welcoming, supportive environments that help students navigate barriers and build upon strengths so that every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. These programs provided partnerships with school leadership, staff, students, families, and communities to develop and implement a Community School strategy.

These amendments include contracts competitively procured and in effect during FY23 and through the term of the contract. The underlying costs were determined to be fair and reasonable at the time of the procurement processes for each underlying contract. The following table details the 25% allowance amendment amount and term per contract, per vendor.

OCS Contracts:

Provider Name	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Number	Current Contract Amount	25% Allowance Amount	Revised Contract Amount
CAMBA, Inc.	7/1/2024	6/30/2026	20258805894	$634,440.00	$158,610.00	$793,050.00

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

Camba, Inc.

A review of CAMBA, Inc.’s (CAMBA) PASSPort submission revealed the following cautions:

- On May 1, 2025, CAMBA entered into a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with the New York City Department of Homeless Services and the New York City Department of Social Services (DHS/DSS) regarding weaknesses in CAMBA's responsibility as a shelter service provider. The CAP addresses organizational and shelter operations, staff retention, incident reporting, staff training, and fiscal and supervisory oversight issues. The CAP will remain in place through April 30, 2030, with the option to seek early termination after May 1, 2028. As a result, CAMBA will continue to provide DSS/DHS with quarterly reports and attend regular monitoring meetings. DSS and DHS advised that CAMBA is in compliance with the CAP requirements and continues to be monitored.
- The second caution indicates there were multiple investigations from 2022 to present by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York (U.S. Attorney EDNY), the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), and the National Labor Relations Board Region 29 in Brooklyn, New York (NLRB).
- Two former employees were investigated by the U.S. Attorney EDNY and DOI and charged with federal bribery, conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, wire fraud, and money

laundering for an alleged kickback scheme. The vendor advised that CAMBA did not sanction the misconduct, and both employees were terminated in February 2022. CAMBA has since restructured its IT department to report directly to the CEO, added management oversight for IT equipment procurement, updated procurement guidance documentation, and the department's Senior Vice President reports to a new Chief Administrative Officer. In November 2025, the IT department's former Vice President entered into a plea agreement admitting to receiving kickbacks and agreed to pay restitution.
- The NLRB investigated CAMBA after it received an official complaint in February 2026 from the Association of Legal Advocates and Attorneys UAW Local 2325 (ALAA-UAW). The ALAA-UAW represented IT workers following CAMBA's decision to outsource and dissolve the department, alleging retaliatory layoffs, illegal surveillance, bad-faith bargaining, and a failure to sign New York City's Administrative Code Labor Peace Agreement (NYC Admin. Code 6-145). The NLRB's investigation into these matters is pending.
- On July 2023, the New York City Department of Investigations (DOI) made a referral to the DHS outlining areas of concern with CAMBA's compliance with DHS contractual requirements related to executive compensation and potential conflict of interest. DHS reviewed the referral and advised that there was no conflict.

Additionally, PASSPort revealed the following information:

- In March 2026 the New York City Office of the Comptroller (NYC Comptroller) investigated CAMBA after receiving a complaint in March 2023 from ALAA-UAW for alleged violations of the NYC Admin. Code 6-145 requirements by failing to include the IT bargaining unit in labor peace certifications for city human service contracts. The NYC Comptroller determined that the IT workers were not considered covered employees and the labor peace certifications were sufficient.
- In July 2025, the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) released an audit on CAMBA for the period of July 2020 through June 2023. The audit uncovered deficiencies in its internal controls as it relates to the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) oversight of contract expenditures. The audit uncovered ineligible costs that CAMBA did not comply with the requirements in the DHS' Human Service Providers Fiscal Manual (Fiscal Manual), and the City of New York Health and Human Services Cost Policies and Procedures Manual (Cost Manual), Manual identifying $4,501,692 in non-compliant costs. DHS has advised that the possibility of recoupment is pending the agency's audit group.

The DOE is also aware of the following information:

- A January 2026 article revealed allegations against CAMBA from unionized IT workers for union-busting, refusing to bargain in good faith, and planning to outsource the department. The vendor advised that the negotiations are ongoing.

As the matters above have either been resolved or remain pending, and given the corrective actions taken by the vendor, and the vendor's satisfactory performance on prior DOE 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: $4,221,388
Estimated Total Amount: $4,221,388
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027; 1 Year
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12866

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: Hany Amin, Director, 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 with terms 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 the extension) 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 PPP Section 4-07(b) non-contractual extension for a term of two years, expiring on June 30, 2023. Later, the Wediko contract was extended pursuant to its first PPP Section 4-07(b) non-contractual extension for a term of three years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023) to align with the other contracts under this program. The DOE then proceeded with a contract assignment of the Wediko contract following its merger with another organization, resulting in the new legal entity, The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc. (“The Home”). In addition, the DOE executed an additional PPP Section 4-07(b) non-contractual extension for a term of one year, expiring on June 30, 2026.

Due to delays in the development and release of the replacement solicitation, the DOE is requesting an additional one-year extension for the remaining 11 contracts, as one vendor declined the extension for FY27. This extension is necessary to maintain uninterrupted services until new contract awards are made through the upcoming RFP solicitation (R1287).

The new RFP was released in Winter 2026 and is currently in the evaluation stage, with awards anticipated to be finalized before the requested contract expiration later this year. This extension will ensure continuity of services while the procurement process, including finalizing the evaluation, recommendation, approval, and registration of the 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.

Award Details

Vendor Name	Contract Number	Rate per student	Estimated # Students FY27	Estimated FY26 Spend	1-Year Extension Amount
Association To Benefit Children	9875211	$90	4387	$365,201	**$394,830**
Astor Services for Children and Families	9875121	$90	1505	$135,000	**$135,450**
Brooklyn Center for Psychotherapy, Inc.	9875242	$88	5143	$455,775	**$459,753**
Counseling In Schools, Inc.	9875181	$90	6799	$598,230	**$611,910**
Interborough Developmental and Consultation Center, Inc.	9875421	$90	9617	$734,021	**$865,530**
Mental Health Providers of Western Queens, Inc.	9875541	$90	3723	$281,861	**$306,502**
New York Founding d/b/a The New York Foundling	9976861	$90	2373	$213,570	**$213,570**
Partnership with Children, Inc.	9875496	$90	880	$79,200	**$79,200**
The Child Center of NY, Inc.	9875241	$90	5175	$306,502	**$306,502**

Vendor Name	Contract Number	Rate per student	Estimated # Students FY27	Estimated FY26 Spend	1-Year Extension Amount
The Children's Aid Society	9875258	$90	2536	$153,251	**$153,251**
The Home for Little Wanderers, Inc.	9379486	$90	7721	$658,293	**$694,890**
Estimated total number of students (FY27)			49,859		
Total FY27 Estimate					**$4,221,388**

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 June 3, 2026, the Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended to extend the contract with the above vendors.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

Association To Benefit Children

A review of Association to Benefit Children's (ABC) PASSPort submission identified the following self-reported caution:

- In November 2024, ABC was investigated by the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) due to a grievance filed by a former employee for lack of support and guidance following a physical assault. In April 2025, the matter was closed via a confidential settlement agreement.

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.

Astor Services for Children & Families

An August 2021 news report revealed a lawsuit was filed against Astor Services for Children & Families (Astor) relating to alleged instances of sexual abuse while in foster care that occurred in the early 1980s. The vendor advised that matter is ongoing.

As the matter above is pending, and the vendor's performance has been satisfactory 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 self-reported caution:

- From 2021 to 2022, TCCNY was investigated by The New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) in relation to its safe and sick time policies and allegations of failure to pay safe and sick leave. In March 2022, the vendor paid all owed compensation as well as a penalty for its violation. In addition, TCCNY implemented corrective actions which included updating its process for calculating accrued sick time, compensating the affected employee for unpaid days owed, distribution and posting of the Notice of Employee Rights, an update to its safe and sick time policies and lastly, a new electronic payroll system capturing additional employee classification data. TCCNY advised that the matter is closed.

In light of the resolution of the matter above, and the vendors 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 September 2024 to September 2025, CAS disclosed three 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.

The Home For Little Wanderers Inc.

The DOE is aware of the following information:

- A June 2021 news article reported that on June 1, 2021, a 16 year-old went missing from Oliver Ames High School while enrolled at The Home For Little Wanderers Inc.'s (HLW) Southeast Campus. The vendor advises that at the time it complied with its internal reporting requirements and continues to adhere to those policies.
- A December 2020 news article revealed that HLW was issued a Cease and Desist order due to reports of positive COVID-19 cases between clients and staff. The vendor appealed the order and based upon the information provided to the Walpole Massachusetts Board of Health. the order was vacated on February 2, 2021. Additionally, the vendor was required to attend future Board of Health meetings and provide updates regarding COVID-19 cases.
- An October 2020 news article reports that a 16 year old girl was stabbed outside of a HLW facility. A HLW staff member stated the teenager was taken to a local hospital and was treated

for non-life threatening injuries. HLW advised that it followed all policy and procedures and reported the incident to the respective authorities.

- Affiliate Wediko Children's Services, Inc. (Wediko) advised that a matter reported in a 2017 news article has resulted in litigation against it regarding a missing student who reportedly committed suicide. The vendor further advises that it was cleared of responsibility by the local authorities, it adhered to its policies at the time of the incident, and the matter was settled through a confidential settlement agreement in March 2021.

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 a Contract with McNeil Sales and Services, Inc. for Boiler Repairs – B2875

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $0
Estimated Total Amount: $0
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 02/26/2026 – 09/26/2027; 19 Months
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12956

Vendor Name: McNeil Sales and Services, Inc.
Vendor Address: 15 Marlen Drive, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Contract Manager: Leticia Outler, Director of Contracts Utilization, Division of School Facilities
Lead Contracting Officer: Maxine Payne, Executive Director of Contracts & Performance, Division of School Facilities
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Kelvyn Rodriguez, 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 School Facilities ("DSF") to extend its contract with McNeil Sales and Services, Inc. ("McNeil") (Contract number 20239376548; OLS# 56463), (collectively and hereinafter the "Current Contract"), to provide the labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation cost, insurance, overhead and profit, removal cost, travel time, installation cost, filling if any required to perform the work listed in this specification, and any other necessary apprentices to repair Boilers in schools and administrative buildings. DSF will continue to provide funding for the cost of the contract, though no additional funding is requested to be added for this extension.

Discussion

The scope of work under the Requested Extensions includes, but is not limited to, performing the work listed in this specification, and any other necessary apprentices to repair Boilers. The DOE previously awarded a five-year contract for the subject services under Request for Bids B2875 (the "RFB") in June 2018 ("RA 5402"). Upon expiration of the base term, the DOE exercised its 270-day contractual renewal option (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). The contract was then extended once for a one-year non-contractual extension under Section 4-07(b) of the PPP.

A replacement RFB ("B5696") is currently under Corporation Counsel review. An additional 19-month non-contractual extension under the DOE's PPP Section 4-07(b) from February 26, 2026, through September 26, 2027, is required to prevent a lapse in the subject services. 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.

DSF has determined that McNeil has provided satisfactory services under their contract. The estimated extension amount is based on FY26 expenditure.

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.

On July 2, 2026, the Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended extending the Contract with McNeil.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 a Contract with Americare Appliance Repair LLC for Repair and Replacement of Split Air Conditioning Systems – B3259

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $2,264,496.00
Estimated Total Amount: $4,528,992.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 02/01/2026 – 01/31/2028, 2 Years
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12966

Vendor Name: Americare Appliance Repair LLC
Vendor Address: 625 Malcolm X Boulevard, New York, NY 10037

Contract Manager: Leticia Outler, Director of Contracts Utilization, Division of School Facilities
Lead Contracting Officer: Maxine Payne, Executive Director of Contracts & Performance, Division of School Facilities
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Kelvyn Rodriguez, 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 School Facilities ("DSF") to extend its contract with Americare Appliance Repair LLC ("Americare") (Contract number 20249478670; OLS# 55932), (collectively and hereinafter the "Current Contract") to provide the labor, materials, and supervision required to test, maintain, repair, modify, and make addition to and/or replace split air conditioning systems in schools and administrative buildings. DSF will provide funding for the cost of the extension for which authorization is being requested (the "Requested Extension").

Discussion

The scope of work under the Requested Extension includes, but is not limited to, performing the work listed in this specification, and to repair and replace split air conditioning systems. The DOE previously awarded a five-year contract for the subject services under Request for Bids B3259 (the "RFB") in January 2019 ("RA 6594"). Upon expiration of the base term, the DOE exercised its 365-day contractual renewal option (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). The contract was then extended once for a one-year non-contractual extension under Section 4-07(b) of the PPP.

A replacement RFB ("B5788") was delayed due to revisions of the specifications, and the updated Best Value ("BV") language and subcontracting language and is currently under Division of Contracts and Purchasing review. This solicitation will be released as a Best Value RFB and will include New York City Administrative Code § 6-129 MWBE Subcontracting Goals and NYS Department of Labor registration mandate. An additional two-year, non-contractual extension under the DOE's PPP Section 4-07(b) from February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028, is required to prevent a lapse in the subject services. 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.

DSF has determined that Americare have provided satisfactory services under their contract. The estimated extension amount is based on FY26 expenditure.

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.

On July 2, 2026, the Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended extending the Contract with Americare.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. to Provide School Busing Services

Procurement Method: Contract Extension per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 4-07(b)
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $286,297,761
Estimated Total Amount: $565,276,170
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 07/01/2027 – 06/30/2029; 2 Years
Options: None **Options Amount:** None
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12772

Vendor Name: NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc.
Vendor Address: 52 Chambers St, New York, NY 10007

Contract Manager: John Pavone, Contract Director, Office of Pupil Transportation
Lead Contracting Officer: Jay Bastien, 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 extend its contract with NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. ("NYCSBUS"), a New York not-for-profit corporation ("NFP"), in accordance with DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures ("PPP"), Section 4-07(b), to provide school busing services to eligible students. This contract is set to expire on June 30, 2027. The contract extension will be funded by OPT.

Discussion

The DOE previously awarded a five-year contract for subject services under a Negotiated Services ("NS") in January 2021. Upon expiration of the base term on June 30, 2026, the DOE exercised its one-year non-contractual extension per its Procurement Policy and Procedures ("PPP") Section 4-07(a) from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. To ensure continuation of the services, an additional two-year, non-contractual extension per PPP Section 4-07(b) from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2029, is required.

This procurement is unique and differs from other school bus transportation procurements because the vendor is a not-for-profit ("NFP") formed by the City of New York, in coordination with the DOE as an integral component of the provision of school bus services.

This uniquely qualified vendor is directly held accountable by government entities. The DOE Chancellor or his/her designee sits on the Board of Directors of NYCSBUS, and three additional directors of the Board, one of whom is a parent representative. The Director of the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") or his/her designee has the fifth seat on the NYCSBUS board.

The vendor will continue to be responsible for:

- Providing end-to-end student transportation for students;
- Managing its employee payroll;
- Monitoring service quality and capacity problems;
- Providing employee rosters and other reports as requested by the DOE;
- Training for employees with respect to statutory and regulatory compliance obligations imposed by federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

These services were procured using a Negotiated Services process because NYCSBUS was specifically created for the purpose of enabling the DOE to have greater control and oversight of transportation services. The City has a history of contracting with affiliated not-for-profits through procurement contracts for the provision of important services. Examples include: the NYC Economic Development Corporation, NYC Technology Development Corporation, Trust for Governor's Island, and Animal Care Centers of NYC. Within the DOE, this model was successfully utilized for custodial services beginning in 2016, resulting in improved service delivery.

The contract extension will have a term commencing on July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2029. The estimated contract amount of $565,276,170.00 reflects all expenses needed to manage the transportation services at cost, without profit.

The entirety of the vendor's budget reflects resources identified as necessary and appropriate for operating the corporation with no profit margin. Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable.

Contract expense amounts shown are subject to change based on the total number of routes run by the NFP. Included are; projected wages and benefits for drivers, attendants, maintenance, and administrative personnel; as well as fuel, school bus purchases, lease, insurance, and maintenance costs.

The contract budget will be amended, as needed, to reflect any subsequent acquisition of additional assets or operation of additional routes.

Budget Details

Fiscal Year	**Time Period**	**Projected Routes**	**Total**
FY2028	July 2027 – June 2028	900	$278,978,409
FY2029	July 2028 – June 2029	900	$286,297,761
			$565,276,170

NYCSBUS proposed a total budget of $565,276,170, which encompasses the same category of expenses as under the prior FY27 extension, including employee wages and benefits; fleet operations; insurance and interest; administrative overhead; facilities and electric vehicles. The FY28 and FY29 budgets increased annually by only 3% to allow for inflation. Moreover, the DOE will validate the expenditures with audited financial statements and will pay NYCSBUS for the actual costs incurred to deliver the services.

Accordingly, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable

On May 28, 2026, the Chancellor's Committee on Contracts recommended to contract with NYCSBUS.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc.

A December 2025 New York City Comptroller Audit (NYC Comptroller) reported that the New York City Department of Education (DOE) did not adequately oversee vendors that provide school bus transportation and technology, nor hold vendors accountable for poor performance issues, varying from complaints, vendor-reported delays, and failure to complete dry runs for School Year 2023-24. While DOE disagreed with several of the assertions made in the audit, DOE agreed to the report's recommendations which included conducting routine reviews and assessments of complaint data, delays, and implementing corrective action plans as necessary.

As the DOE is actively working on implementing the recommendations by the NYC Comptroller, and the vendor’s performance has been satisfactory on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements to Provide Textbooks and Ancillary Materials

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $100,000
Estimated Total Amount: $300,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy, NYSTL, Federal Reimbursable Funds
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 3 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $200,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12893

Vendor Name: Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements
Vendor Address: 1072 Madison Avenue Lakewood, NJ 08701

Contract Manager: Jason Mullings, Executive Assistant, Office of Nonpublic & Charter Schools
Lead Contracting Officer: Diana Ferrer Schwartz, Deputy Chief Executive, Office of Nonpublic & Charter Schools
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Avinash Dyal, Procurement Analyst, Curriculum, Instruction, and School Support Unit

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) hereby requests authorization on behalf of the Office of Nonpublic & Charter Schools (“ONPCS”) to contract with Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements (hereafter (“ATS”) to provide textbooks and ancillary materials for New York City Public Schools (“NYCPS”), the Office of Nonpublic and Charter Schools (“ONPCS), and Central Offices. Funding will be provided by the individual users’ budget.

Discussion

Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements develops and publishes a comprehensive range of educational curricula and instructional materials designed to support student learning across core subjects in English. Each curriculum is aligned with national and state standards and is designed to promote engagement, comprehension, and critical thinking. Mastering Math (Grades K-8) includes practical examples and visuals to help students build a strong foundation in essential math skills. The Science curriculum Hands On (Grades 5-8) covers Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Life Science. Lessons are interactive and experiment based fostering inquiry, observation, and problem solving. Each program includes the materials and guidance needed for hands on exploration of key scientific concepts.

The Handwriting series Fundamentals of writing (Grades 1-3) supports early learners in developing neat and consistent handwriting (formation of letters and numbers) through a multisensory approach. The program incorporates visuals, songs, and hands-on activities to make handwriting instruction engaging and effective. The History series is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge to analyze and evaluate American History (Grades 5-8), Global History (Grades 9-10), Modern History (Grades 7-8), and History of the Holocaust (Grades 6-12). The English Language Arts series contains four books, World of Literacy (Grades 3-12 teaching reading comprehension), Voyages (Grades 5, 8, 10 building analytical skills), Fundamentals of writing (Grades 5-10 teaches essential writing techniques), and Grammar fundamentals (Grades 2-4 teaches formation of grammatically correct sentences). The Financial Literacy series Personal Finance (Grades 6-8, 9,12) is designed to teach students healthy money habits such as understanding of credit cards, taxes, insurance, calculating interest rates, and investing.

“ATS” offer includes, but not limited to, the following programs in English:

- *American History* (Grades 5–8, two volumes, A History of America)
- *World History* (Grades 5–8, World History Exploring the past)
- *Global History* (Grades 9–10, Volume 2, 3)
- *Modern History* (Grades 7–8)
- *The Holocaust* (Grades 6–12)
- World of Literacy – (Grades 3–12; full and mini editions).
- Voyages – (Grades 5, 8, and 10).
- Fundamentals of Writing – (Grades 4–12).
- Grammar Fundamentals – (Grades 2–4).

Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements is the sole producer and exclusive distributor of its materials, which cannot be purchased by open competitive means. A competitive procurement is therefore impractical, and the DOE will utilize a listing application as its solicitation method pursuant to section 3-06 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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.

For this contract, Achievements Tutor Services LLC DBA Achievements is offering NYCPS a 12% discount off of the list price and a 9% Shipping and Handling (“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.

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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 Kinder Publishing Inc to Provide Textbooks and Ancillary Materials

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $130,000
Estimated Total Amount: $390,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy, NYSTL, Federal Reimbursable Funds
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 3 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $260,000
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12146

Vendor Name: Kinder Publishing Inc
Vendor Address: 1143 44th Street Brooklyn NY 11219

Contract Manager: Jacqueline McAllister, Executive Director of Operations, Division of Teaching & Learning
Lead Contracting Officer: Diana Ferrer-Schwartz, Deputy Chief Executive, Office of Nonpublic & Charter Schools
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Avinash Dyal, Contract Specialist, Enterprise Operations

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby request authorization on behalf of the Office of Nonpublic & Charter Schools ("ONPCS") to contract with Kinder Publishing Inc ("KINDER") to provide textbooks and ancillary materials for New York City Public Schools ("NYCPS"), the Office of Nonpublic and Charter Schools ("ONPCS), and Central Offices. Funding will be provided by the individual users' budget.

Discussion

Kinder Publishing Inc develops and publishes customized books in Yiddish with many titles incorporating Hebrew and English to meet the needs of schools that request English language resources for students Grades Pre-K through Grade 12 attending New York City public schools and other educational institutions. These books include stories, Yiddish writing lessons, reading, grammar, and history. KINDER develops a wide range of instructional resources including student workbooks, textbooks, teacher resource materials, reading and language arts materials, skills practice and review books, and educational activity books. KINDER's curriculum is designed to enhance classroom instruction by helping students develop essential academic knowledge and skills. KINDER's curriculum intends to strengthen reading comprehension and language development, build vocabulary and language proficiency, reinforce grammar and writing skills, develop critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, provide guided practice and opportunities for independent review, and support mastery of grade level learning objectives.

KINDER's offering includes, but is not limited to, the following programs:

- Aleph Neirei Vol 2 – Words – (Pre-K to Grade 6) (READING)
- History of 2nd Temple Century #3 – (Grade 4 – Grade 12) (HISTORY)
- Ivre Heimarbeit Bichel 2 – (Grade 2 – Grade 3) (COMPOSITION / WRITING)
- Vi Iz Mein Heim – Teachers Complete Book – (Grade 6 – Grade 8) (COMPOSITION)

- Vi Iz Mein Heim Textbook (Grade 6 – Grade 8) (GRAMMAR)
- Jewish History Golus Yovon – (Grade 4 – Grade 12) (HISTORY)

Kinder Publishing Inc is the sole producer and exclusive distributor of its materials, which cannot be purchased by open competitive means. A competitive procurement is therefore impractical, and the DOE will utilize a listing application as its solicitation method pursuant to section 3-06 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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 projected school and program office needs for upcoming years.

Kinder Publishing Inc proposed a 5% discount off list price and no shipping and handling fee to the NYCDOE.
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.

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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

Kinder Publishing Inc.

A review of Kinder Publishing, Inc.'s PASSPort submission revealed the following self-reported caution:

- In March 2018, a former Executive Director (ED) of Kinder Publishing and her assistant were convicted for mail and wire fraud by the U.S Attorney Office of the Eastern District of New York in connection with submission of fraudulent documentation to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) in order to obtain larger reimbursement payments from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child Adult Care and Food Program (CACFP). The vendor advised that this incident is unrelated to Kinder Publishing, which has not been named in any investigation, nor has been subject to any fines or penalties associated with this incident.

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

Request for Authorization to Contract with Voices International Publications Inc to Provide Textbooks and Ancillary Materials

Procurement Method: Listing Application per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-06
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $25,100
Estimated Total Amount: $75,300
Funding Source: Tax Levy, NYSTL, Federal Reimbursable Funds
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 3 Years
Options: Two, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $50,200
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12972

Vendor Name: Voices International Publications Inc
Vendor Address: 196-03 Linden Blvd Saint Albans, NY 11412

Contract Manager: Ronda Phillips, Executive Director of School Support & Operations, Community School District 23
Lead Contracting Officer: Gabrielle Williams, Administrative Assistant, Community School District 23
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Avinash Dyal, Procurement Analyst, Curriculum, Instruction, and School Support Unit

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby request authorization on behalf of the Division of School Leadership ("DSL") to contract with Voices International Publications Inc ("VIP") to provide textbooks and ancillary materials for New York City Public Schools ("NYCPS"), the Office of Nonpublic and Charter Schools ("ONPCS"), and Central Offices. Funding will be provided by the individual users' budget.

Discussion

Voices International Publications Inc publishes multicultural bilingual books and culturally responsive curricula designed to support students (Grades 2-12) to build vocabulary, reading comprehension, self-awareness, confidence, and decision-making skills through engaging narratives and age-appropriate lessons. VIP's material develops literacy, social-emotional learning ("SEL"), leadership development, STEM exploration, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education. VIP's materials are intended to prioritize equity, diversity, and academic excellence by offering content that reflects the lived experiences and identities of diverse student populations. Lesson plans emphasize critical thinking, resilience, identity development, and civic engagement, while supporting educators with tools to implement materials effectively. Curriculum guides accompany select titles to support educators with structured discussion prompts, activities, and instructional alignment. Select titles are available in English and Spanish to support multilingual learners and promote equitable access to instructional content. All printed materials are intended for classroom, small-group, and independent learning environments.

VIP's offering includes, but is not limited to, the following programs:

- Boss up Curriculum Guide
- Boss up
- Dae Dae Gana Sus Alas (Spanish)

- Dae Dae Gains His Wings
- I Love Me More: Teen Edition
- Money Moves
- Money Moves Curriculum
- We Got Us
- We Got Us Curriculum Guide

Voices International Publications Inc is the sole producer and exclusive distributor of its materials, which cannot be purchased by open competitive means. A competitive procurement is therefore impractical, and the DOE will utilize a listing application as its solicitation method pursuant to section 3-06 of the DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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.

For this contract, Voices International Publications Inc is offering NYCPS a 15% discount on the list price and a 8% Shipping and Handling (“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.

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.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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 an Emergency Extension with NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. (NYCSBUS) for School Busing Services

Procurement Method: Emergency Contract per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-09
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $12,034,337
Estimated Total Amount: $12,034,337
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 07/01/2026 – 07/31/2026
Options: One, 1-Month **Options Amount:** $9,963,417
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 13041

Vendor Name: NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc.
Vendor Address: 52 Chambers St New York, NY 10007

Contract Manager: John Pavone, Contract Director, Office of Pupil Transportation
Lead Contracting Officer: Jay Bastien, 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 NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. ("NYCSBUS"), a New York not-for-profit corporation ("NFP") 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-school and curb-to-school busing for general education pupils and pupils with disabilities.

An emergency has arisen because of ongoing efforts to register the one-year extension of the NYCSBUS contract. The original term of the contract expired June 30th, 2026, and such bus service is required for continued transportation of school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities, pending registration of the one-year contract extension.

These transportation services are necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of students and the school system. 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).

Pricing under this emergency agreement remains the same as approved under the one-year extension which is pending registration. Accordingly, pricing can be determined to be fair and reasonable.

After considering the number of routes and service days are lower in July and August than during the school year, the contract amount ($12,034,337) and option amount ($9,963,417) were derived using the same pricing as under the one-year extension.

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

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

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):

NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc.

A December 2025 New York City Comptroller Audit (NYC Comptroller) reported that the New York City Department of Education (DOE) did not adequately oversee vendors that provide school bus transportation and technology, nor hold vendors accountable for poor performance issues, varying from complaints, vendor-reported delays, and failure to complete dry runs for School Year 2023-24. While DOE disagreed with several of the assertions made in the audit, DOE agreed to the report's recommendations which included conducting routine reviews and assessments of complaint data, delays, and implementing corrective action plans as necessary.

As the DOE is actively working on implementing the recommendations by the NYC Comptroller, and the vendor’s performance has been satisfactory on prior DOE contracts, the DOE determines the vendor to be responsible.

NYC Department of Education
Kamar Samuels, *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, Kamar Samuels, 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"), hereby determine that the immediate implementation of an emergency extension of the DOE's contract with NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. ("NYCSBUS") for the provision of pupil transportation services to school-aged general education students and school-aged students with disabilities, 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, 2026, 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 ongoing efforts to register the one-year extension of the NYCSBUS contract. The NYCSBUS contract for transportation services for general education and special education students expired on June 30, 2026 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities, pending registration of the one-year contract extension.

Accordingly, the Chief Procurement Officer for the Division for Contracts and Purchasing declared an emergency condition to provide for the procurement of a contract with NYCSBUS for the purpose of ensuring bus service at an estimated value of $12,034,337 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 NYCSBUS contract 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 NYCSBUS contract prior to registration by the New York City 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 NYCSBUS contract 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:____________________

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Dong Kyu Han
Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chancellor[1]

[1] Original signature on file.

Department of Education
Kamar Samuels, Chancellor

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

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 of the contract with NYC School Bus Umbrella Services, Inc. ("NYCSBUS") for school age school bus transportation services for pupils who receive general busing and pupils with disabilities who require special busing commencing retroactively July 1, 2026 be awarded on an emergency basis to ensure continued operation of such school bus transportation service. As described herein, this is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the students and the school system as a whole. This emergency shall be effective as of July 1, 2026 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 ongoing efforts to register the one-year extension of the NYCSBUS contract for school bus transportation service for school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities. The NYCSBUS contract for the provision of bus service expired June 30, 2026 and such bus service is required for continued transportation of school age general education pupils and pupils with disabilities, pending registration of the one-year contract extension.

The NYCSBUS contract will be for the estimated value of <u>$12,034,337</u> for a period of one month with an automatic renewal for an additional month, as may be required by the DOE.

NYCSBUS shall provide service on the same basis as the agreement previously agreed to and performed.

Dated: ___________________

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Elisheba Lewi
Chief Procurement Officer
Division of Contracts and Purchasing[2]

[2] Original signature on file.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Bluetriton Brands, Inc. for Bottled Drinking Water & Compact Water Coolers

Procurement Method: Purchases Through Governmental Contracts per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-11
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,316,875.00
Estimated Total Amount: $5,267,500.00
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 03/01/2026 – 02/28/2030; 4 Years
Options: Per DCAS **Options Amount:** Per Actual Spend
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12971

Vendor Name: Bluetriton Brands Inc
Vendor Address: 900 Long Ridge Road, Bldg.2, Stamford, CT 06902

Contract Manager: Elise Balan, Data Analyst, Division of Enterprise Purchasing
Lead Contracting Officer: Kimberly M. De Vine, Director, Division of Enterprise Purchasing
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Robert Johnson, Procurement Analyst, School-Based Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization to utilize a contract with Bluetriton Brands Inc. ("Bluetriton") through the Department of Citywide Administrative Services ("DCAS") for Bottled Drinking Water and Compact Water Coolers. The contract will be utilized on an as-needed basis, and funding will be provided by central offices and individual school budgets.

Discussion

The DOE has held several contracts with Bluetriton with approximately 1,422 accounts, supplying and delivering bottled water and rental of water coolers to New York City schools and central offices.

DCAS released a competitive sealed bid to cover all five boroughs. The bid contained two items: 5-gallon water bottles, and hot and cold-water coolers. Vendors were required to provide a monthly rental price for each cooler, inclusive of maintenance and cleaning, and a per-bottle price to be considered for an award. Bluetriton was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The DCAS contract began 03/01/2026; the DOE's term will commence upon approval and registration. Upon DCAS' approval to renew or extend their underlying contract with Bluetriton, the DOE may likewise extend the contract for the same term.

DCAS has reviewed Bluetriton's prices and has determined it to be fair and reasonable and below prevailing market pricing based on the competitive nature of the procurement.

The estimated contract amount is based on the DOE's usage under the previous Bluetriton contract, and the new prices awarded via DCAS.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendor Responsibility

This award is being made through a New York City agency, and has been the subject of the review required by agency guidelines. As such, the DOE is not required to conduct a separate background check, and accordingly finds the vendor responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with Global Prevention Corp. for Male Condoms and Personal Lubricant Packets

Procurement Method: Purchases Through Governmental Contracts per DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures, Section 3-11
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $20,000
Estimated Total Amount: $100,000
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? No
Contract Term: 09/01/2026 – 01/31/2031; 5 Years
Options: Per DCAS **Options Amount:** Per Actual Spend
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 12996

Vendor Name: Global Prevention Corp.
Vendor Address: 630 Lynnway Lynn, MA 01905

Contract Manager: Jennifer Davilla, Director, Office of School Wellness Programs
Lead Contracting Officer: Jennifer Davilla, Director, Office of School Wellness Programs
Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact: Wandely Brito, Procurement Analyst

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization to utilize a contract with Global Prevention Corp. ("Global") through the Department of Citywide Administrative Services ("DCAS") for male condoms and personal lubricant packets. The contract will be utilized on an as needed basis, and funding will be provided by the Office of School Wellness Programs ("OSWP").

Discussion

The Condom Availability Program ("CAP") is part of the HIV education program at the DOE. NY State requires HIV education for all students every year. The information that students get through the CAP helps them learn how to live a healthy life, make good decisions that keep them safe, communicate with others, and avoid risky behavior. Students in grades 9-12 can go to their school's Health Resource Room for free resources.

Health Resource Rooms provide free:

- Safer sex supplies, such as various types of condoms and personal lubricants;
- Information on topics that complement their health education class, including reproductive and sexual health, HIV and AIDS, and healthy relationships;
- Referrals to health services available in their school and neighborhood.

DCAS released a competitive sealed bid consisting of 10 items of various male condoms (Items 1 - 8 latex, Item 9 non-latex) and personal lubricant options (Item 10).

All items on the contract adhere to the specifications stated by NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DOHMH"), including adhering to all current standards and guidelines of the United States

Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), and the American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") D3492-14.

Items List

Item #	Item	Quantity	Manufacturing Cost	Cost
1	Custom NYC branded wrapping of a non-textured, non- flavored standard sized condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
2	Custom NYC branded wrapping of a larger sized condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
3	Extra Strength Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
4	Studded Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
5	Flavored Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
6	Thin Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
7	Ribbed Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
8	Sensitive Condom	Case of 1000 Each	$47.86	$58
9	Non-latex Polyurethane or Polyisoprene Condoms	Case of 1000 Each	$240.80	$280
10	Personal Liquid Lubricant Packets	Case of 1000 Each	$49.06	$57

Additionally, the DOE has partnered with the DOHMH to provide the CAP in prior years. Within this partnership, DOHMH has agreed to provide $20,000 per fiscal year from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, to the DOE for CAP to procure safer sex products under a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA"). Leveraging DCAS' contract with Global streamlines resources and ensures that the items procured satisfies all specifications required.

Upon DCAS' approval to renew or extend their underlying contract with Global, the DOE may likewise extend the contract for the same term.

DCAS has reviewed Global's prices and has determined it to be fair and reasonable and below prevailing market pricing based on the competitive nature of the procurement.

The estimated contract amount is based on funding provided by DOHMH under the MOA between the DOE and DOHMH for the CAP. Upon expiration of the MOA, the parties may mutually agree to extend or revise its terms through a new agreement. Additionally, the DOE may supplement funding for the remainder of the current DCAS contract term and/or any subsequent agreement with DOHMH.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendor Responsibility

This award is being made through a New York City agency, and has been the subject of the review required by agency guidelines. As such, the DOE is not required to conduct a separate background check, and accordingly finds the vendor responsible.

Request for Authorization to Contract with CDW-Government LLC for Oracle Software and Support Services

Procurement Method: Purchases Through Governmental Contracts per DOE Procurement Policy and Procedures, Section 3-11
Estimated Highest Annual Amount: $1,650,358.95
Estimated Total Amount: $1,650,358.95
Funding Source: Tax Levy
Contract Retroactive? Yes
Contract Term: 1 Year
Options: Three, 1-Year **Options Amount:** $1,732,876.90 / $1,819,520.74 / $1,910,496.78
Contract Type: Requirements
RA Number: 13002

Vendor Name: CDW-Government LLC
Vendor Address: 230 N Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Contract Manager: Helene Miele, Telephone System Administrator HR Connect, Division of Human Resources
Lead Contracting Officer: Stacey Frazier, Chief of Staff, Division of Human Resources
Division of Contracts and Purchasing Contact: Kesse Wallace, Strategic Sourcing Supervisor, Technology and Instructional Materials Procurement

Purpose

The New York City Department of Education ("DOE") hereby requests authorization, on behalf of the Division of Human Resources ("HR Connect") and the Office of Student Enrollment ("P311"), to utilize the New York City's Office of Technology and Innovation ("OTI") Master Services Agreement with CDW-Government LLC ("CDW") to obtain Oracle software and support services.

Discussion

HR Connect and P311 call centers are tasked with providing responses, tracking, and answering requests from a variety of customers, including parents, employees, and vendors. These are mission critical systems to support the DOE in its entirety. For many years, the DOE utilized emails to transmit documentation that included sensitive personal information such as names, addresses, social security numbers, and more, making it a potential target for data breaches and identity theft. Recognizing the critical importance of data security, HR Connect implemented Oracle Service Cloud Software ("OSCS") as a proactive measure to safeguard this information.

OSCS is a robust and integrated platform that provides a comprehensive suite of tools and features that streamline customer interactions, augment user productivity, and furnish valuable insights for continuous improvement in customer service and satisfaction. It provides the DOE with licensed, cloud-based access to platform features, eliminating the need for on-premises hosting and ensuring compliance with data security principles, including integrity, confidentiality, and availability. In addition to OSCS, CDW will also provide maintenance services, bug fixes, upgrades, technical account management, and priority services with troubleshooting in the event of performance and functionality issues. Without maintenance service, Oracle will not support the DOE's use of these software systems.

In order to maintain access to the information currently stored in the Oracle knowledge base, the DOE requires a new contract with CDW for OSCS and support services. Otherwise, Oracle is required to delete all stored information within 90 days of contract expiration as mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, commonly referred to as the Corporate Responsibility Act, a U.S. federal law enacted to improve the accuracy and reliability of financial reporting and corporate disclosures for public companies. The new contract will align with OTI's current contract with CDW and ensure service continuity for Oracle software licenses and services.

Table A- Cost Breakdown for CDW

CATEGORY	ORIGINAL
Software	$1,202,323.95
Support Services	$448,035.00
GRAND TOTAL	**$1,650,358.95**

The pre-negotiated discounts under OTI's contracts are designed to ensure that the City of New York receives optimal value, offering reductions ranging from 12% to 30% off the list price on Oracle products and services. Accordingly, pricing is determined to be fair and reasonable, and below the prevailing market prices.

Please note: This contract will not include any student or teacher-facing AI products, and the company has confirmed that they do not and will not use AI to process any data.

Vendor Responsibility

This award is being made through a New York City agency and has been the subject of the review required by agency guidelines. As such, the DOE is not required to conduct a separate background check and accordingly finds the vendor responsible.