

July 28, 2021

**AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
SCIENCE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

**THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize a new agreement with School Specialty, LLC for the purchase of science laboratory supplies, equipment, and furniture at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this Report. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a Request for Proposal #19-02 issued by Region 4 Education Center (ESC) as the lead public agency on behalf of OMNIA Partners. Subsequently, ESC and School Specialty, LLC as entered into a Master Agreement (Contract No. R190202). Pursuant to Board Rule 7-4, the Board is authorized to purchase biddable items through the Illinois School Purchasing Network or a governmental purchasing cooperative contract. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Hinton-Knowles, Demetra / 773-553-2929

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 26218  
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC  
W6316 DESIGN DRIVE  
GREENVILLE, WI 54942-0000  
Amy Fuss  
888 388-3224  
Ownership: TWC Direct Lending LLC 26.9%;  
TWC Direct Lending Strategic Ventures LLC  
17%; West Virginia Direct Lending LLC 2.6%;  
TCW Brazos Fund 5.8%; TCW Skyline  
Lending LP 2.5%; Cerberus AUS Levered  
Holding LP 0.3%; Cerberus AUS Levered  
Holding III LLC 0.5%; Cerbus Offshore  
Levered Holding III Holding 11LP 6.9%;  
Cerberus Redwood Levered Loan  
Opportunities Fund A, L.P. 0.6%; Cerberus  
ICQ Offshore Loan Opportunities Master  
Fund, L.P. 0.9%; Cerberus SWC Levered  
Holding II LP 1.8%; Cerberus Redwood  
Levered Loan Opportunities Fund B, L.P.  
0.9%; LCP SSI, LLC 33.3%.

**USER INFORMATION :**

Project  
Manager: 10871 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)  
programs  
42 W Madison  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Easterly, Kelli A.

**PM Contact:**

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42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Chavarria, Sherly  
773-553-1216

**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence on August 1, 2021 and shall end July 31, 2022. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

**DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:**

Vendor will provide the following goods: Science Laboratory Equipment, Supplies, and Furniture.

**OUTCOMES:**

This purchase will result in schools receiving optimal pricing for quality science laboratory supplies, equipment, and furniture.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; estimated annual costs for the one (1) year term are as follows: FY22 \$3,000,000

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief of Teaching and Learning to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts (M/WBE Program), the goals for this contract are 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The Office of Business Diversity has granted a partial waiver and the Prime vendor has committed to the participation goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE of applicable spend.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

All Units, All Funds. FY22 \$3,000,000

Not to Exceed \$3,000,000

Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**CFDA#:** Not Applicable

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

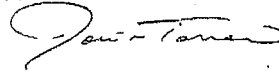
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



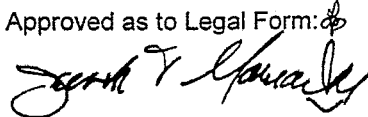
JONATHAN MAPLES  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



JOSÉ M. TORRES, PhD  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



JOSEPH T. MORIARTY  
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