

**AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLINKS, INC. TO PROVIDE A COLLEGE AND CAREER ENTERPRISE SYSTEM TO THE DISTRICT**

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

Authorize a new agreement with Schoolinks, Inc. to provide a College and Career System to the District at an estimated annual cost of \$2,000,000 for the agreement term. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-3. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor 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.

Specification Number : 22-083

Contract Administrator : Goodwin, Shannon A. / 773-553-2280

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 97476  
SCHOOLINKS, INC.  
3000 E. CESAR CHAVEZ ST STE.100  
AUSTIN, TX 78702

Katie Fang  
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Ownership: Live Oak Ventures-52%, Katie Fang-48%

**USER INFORMATION :**

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**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence January 1, 2023 and shall end on December 31, 2025. This agreement shall have one (1) option to renew for a two (2) year period.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The Vendor will provide end use functionalities and support service specifications that the Board desires for the enterprise system. These specifications fall into seven categories:

1. College Planning
2. Career Planning
3. Academic Planning
4. Test Prep and Study Skills
5. Data Tracking and Reporting
6. Account Management
7. Technical Support

Ultimately, the aim of outlining these specifications was to acquire a system that enables students to conduct comprehensive postsecondary planning, enables educators and administrators to collect, analyze, and report on data associated with postsecondary preparation and its corresponding KPIs, and that provides satisfactory technical support and information security.

**DELIVERABLES:**

The vendor will provide software products and other services, some of which will be paid for centrally from the ITS budget and available to all schools free of charge, and some that schools will be able to choose to opt into and pay for out of their individual budgets.

**OUTCOMES:**

The Schoolinks, Inc. software system is the District's one-stop shop tool for ILP completion, all college and career readiness, planning and success, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) tracking and Learn.Plan.Succeed. for all students 6th through 12th grade. The Schoolinks, Inc. system is the one place where students have the ability to conduct college and career research, explore and complete a comprehensive postsecondary plan that is aligned to their interests and goals. The Schoolinks, Inc. data collection, analysis, and reporting features allow school-based staff and administrators, as well network teams to intentionally monitor student progress and success. In addition, the Schoolinks, Inc. system also serves as the key platform for tracking all college applications, scholarships, college-match, and career interest and planning.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid as follows: Estimated annual costs for the agreement term are set forth below:

\$1,500,000 FY23

\$350,000 FY24

\$75,000 FY25

\$75,000 FY26

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

None.

**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 College and Career 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, this contract is waived of the M/WBE participation goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE, because the contract is not further divisible.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Multiple Funds, Multiple Units:

\$1,500,000 FY23

\$350,000 FY24

\$75,000 FY25

\$75,000 FY26

Not to exceed \$2,000,000 for agreement term. 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:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ  
Acting Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: **VM**



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