

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH NCS PEARSON, INC. DBA CERTIPOINT, A
BUSINESS OF NCS PEARSON, INC TO PURCHASE A DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the first renewal agreement with NCS Pearson Inc. dba Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc to provide a developmental screening tool for the Department of Early Childhood Education at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to NCS Pearson Inc., dba Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Hinton-Knowles, Demetra / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 34595
NCS Pearson, Inc. dba Certiport, a business
of NCS Pearson, INC
5601 Green Valley Drive
Bloomington, MN 55437

J. Lynsey Psimas
800 627-7271

Ownership: PN Holdings, Inc. 100%

USER INFORMATION :

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:

The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 22-0427-PR2) in the amount of \$250,000 is for a term commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year each. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis: the sole source request was presented to the Sole/Single Source Committee and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer.

OPTION PERIOD:

The term of this agreement is being renewed for (1) year commencing July 1 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will continue to provide a developmental screening tool for all preschool programs. In order to align screening tools across Chicago early preschool programs, CPS will continue with this screening tool. The Early Screening Inventory Third Edition is a developmental screening instrument that addresses a student's developmental, sensory, and behavioral levels (published by Pearson). Teachers are the primary user of this tool and results are often shared with families as needed. The Parent Questionnaire Report details responses to the parent questionnaire, a qualitative questionnaire to capture the primary caregivers' perceptions of the child's development. Child scores are used to refer students for further evaluation, group students to meet developmental milestones, and identify activities to continue learning in the home environment. Vendor will provide the Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE) with physical copies of all materials within the Early Screening Inventory (ESI-R) Third Edition as requested and paid for by CPS. The ESI-R is a research based developmental screening tool that meets the screening purposes required by the Boards grant with the Illinois State Board of Education and ExcelRate Illinois (the State of Illinois early childhood program rating system). This screening tool will be available in English and Spanish. Early childhood teachers will use the ESI-R results when referring a child or evaluating a child for specialized services.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will continue to provide an Early Childhood Developmental Screen Tool.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in early detection and identification of preschool age children who may need further evaluation or special education services.

COMPENSATION:

Vendor shall be paid during this option period as follows:
Estimated annual cost for this option period are set forth below:
\$250,000, FY24

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Chief Officer for Early Childhood Education to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, (M/WBE Program), this contract is waived of the MWBE 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:

Fund 362, Office of Early Childhood Education

Unit 11385

\$250,000 FY24

Not to exceed \$250,000 for the one (1) year term.

Future 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: 



RUCHI VERMA
General Counsel