



Board of Education

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Board Report

25-0529-PR2

Agenda Date: 5/29/2025

AUTHORIZE NEW AGREEMENTS WITH LAKESHORE PARENT LLC DBA LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LLC AND SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF PREK-12 EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize new agreements with vendors for the purchase of PreK-12 Educational Supplies for the Office of Teaching and Learning at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. Vendors was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-4. Request For Proposal 23-03 was issued by Region 4 Education Service Center as the Lead Public Agency with the assistance of Omnia Partners. Subsequently, Vendors entered into Educational Supplies Contracts No. R230301 and R230305 with Region 4 Education Service Center. The Board desires to purchase Educational Supplies based upon the aforementioned vendor contract pursuant to Board Rule 7-4 (e), which authorizes the Board to purchase non-biddable and biddable items through government purchasing cooperative contracts. 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.

Specification Number: 23-03

Contract Administrator: Museitef, Suzanne S / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor #18171
LAKESHORE PARENT LLC DBA LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LLC
2695 E DOMINGUEZ ST
CARSON, CA 90895

Audrey Lopez
310 537-8600

Ownership: Lakeshore Parent, LLC 10%,
Greene Carle Holdings LLC 10%, Lakeshore
Learning Holding, Inc. 10%

- 2) Vendor # 26218
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC
W6316 DESIGN DRIVE
GREENVILLE, WI 54942-0000

Sarah Peterson
888 388-3224

Ownership: TWC Direct Lending LLC 26.9%,
TWC Direct Lending Strategic Ventures LLC
17%, LCP SSI, LLC 33.3%

USER INFORMATION :

Project

Manager: 10814 - Curriculum, Instruction, and Digital Learning
42 W. Madison
Chicago, IL 60602

Thorstenson, Kara Leann
773-553-6506

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2025 and shall end on June 30, 2027. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

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

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:

Vendors will provide classroom educational and associated supplies to schools, network offices and central office departments at the prices specified in their respective agreement for the following categories:

1. Classroom Supplies
2. Art Supplies
3. Early Childhood Supplies

OUTCOMES:

Vendors' services will result in the centralized procurement of classroom educational supplies with increased savings on all classroom educational supplies purchased by CPS.

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 the Office of Teaching and Learning to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) policy participation in Goods and Services contracts with aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The Office of Business Diversity has granted a qualified exclusion and the Prime vendors have committed to 30% MBE and 7% WBE of the addressable spend with their strategic plan and subcontractors. Congruent with the marketplace for this category of products and services, the MBE and the WBE policy, the adjustment to the aspirational goals is warranted and merited by the Office of Business Diversity.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Various Funds, Various Units, Unit 10810 - Teaching and Learning Office, Unit 10814 - Curriculum, Instruction, and

Digital Learning,

FY26 - \$11,000,000

FY27 - \$11,000,000

Not to exceed \$22,000,000 for the two (2) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA
General Counsel