



Board of Education

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Board Report

25-0529-PR4

Agenda Date: 5/29/2025

AUTHORIZE THE FIRST AND SECOND (FINAL) RENEWAL AGREEMENTS WITH UTJ HOLDCO, INC. DBA TEACHING STRATEGIES, LLC. FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the first and second (final) renewal agreements with UTJ Holdco, Inc. dba Teaching Strategies, LLC. to provide Early Childhood Curriculum and Assessment Services at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Teaching Strategies, LLC 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.

Specification Number: 22-0525-Pr2

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

VENDOR:

1) Vendor # 90907
UTJ Holdco, Inc. dba Teaching Strategies, LLC.
80 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Heather O'Shea
301 634-0818

Ownership: Limited Liability Company - 100%
owned by UTJ Holdco Inc.

USER INFORMATION:

Project
Manager: 11360 - Early Childhood Development
42 West Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60602

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773-553-2010

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 22-0525-PR2) in the amount of \$5,300,000 is for a term

commencing June 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2025, with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year each. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis Rule 7-6. The single 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 two (2) years commencing August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2027.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:

There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will provide the Creative Curriculum (preschool curriculum) and GOLD assessment services that are aligned to the curriculum. The City's preschool programs operated under the City's Department of Family Support Services use the same assessment services and curriculum, allowing for consistent data collection and reporting among preschool education providers. Additionally, Vendor shall continue to provide training and technical support to CPS teachers on how to use the curriculum and assessment services and how to input qualitative data.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will provide Creative Curriculum guided editions and the Creative Curriculum Cloud. Vendor will provide digital assessment portfolios (GOLD) within which CPS preschool educators will input data and determine developmental levels. Vendor platform will include reporting mechanisms for students, classroom, and school data analysis. Vendor will provide CPS with student-level data from assessment. Qualitative data will continue to be entered by CPS teachers into the Teaching Strategies GOLD system to report on child outcomes. Training and technical support, data collection procedures, monitoring and reporting, and data elements will also be provided.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in preschool teachers having access to city wide preschool curriculum in both digital and non-digital formats. CPS will also have access to observational data on individual child development that is collected, stored and reported from the vendor's system. Additionally, the vendor will provide training and technical support for CPS OECE staff, teachers, and administrators. Teachers will enter on an on-going basis, individual child observational data - including documentation and artifacts - into the TSG system. OECE staff, school administration, and classroom teachers will have access as appropriate to their role.

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 of the Office of Early Childhood Education to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts. The MBE and WBE Policy, the contract is an excluded transaction pursuant to the Goods and Services Policy, for the aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE, as the organization is a Not-for-Profit organization.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 362, Unit 11385 - Early Childhood Development - City Wide,

FY26 - \$1,604,166.66

FY27 - \$1,750,000

FY28 - \$145,833.34

Not to exceed \$3,500,000 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