



# Board of Education

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## Board Report

25-0626-PR10

**Agenda Date: 6/26/2025**

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### **AUTHORIZE THE THIRD (FINAL) RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR GROUNDSKEEPING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

#### **THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the third (final) renewal agreement with Various Vendors to provide Groundskeeping Products and Services to the Department of Facilities 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 Various Vendors 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: 21-038

Contract Administrator: Zimnie, Stephen A / 773-553-2280

#### **VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor #97430  
A SAFE HAVEN FOUNDATION  
2750 WEST ROOSEVELT RD.  
CHICAGO, IL 60608

Kris Sokol  
773-435-8395

Ownership: Not for Profit Awarded  
Categories: Green Infrastructure

- 2) Vendor #29091  
CHRISTY WEBBER & COMPANY DBA  
CHRISTY WEBBER LANDSCAPES  
2900 WEST FERDINAND AVE.  
CHICAGO, IL 60612

Ryan Barrett  
312-809-8081

Ownership: For Profit Corporation; Christy Webber - 100% Awarded Categories:  
Landscaping Zones - 1-4, 6-11, 13-16, and  
18. Special Properties - Both Closed and  
Vacant Lots

3) Vendor #18329  
DIAZ GROUP LLC  
2143 W 51<sup>ST</sup> PL  
CHICAGO, IL 60609

Enrique Cahue  
773-725-8644

Ownership: Limited Liability Company;  
Ruben Diaz - 25%, Ruben Diaz Jr. - 25%  
Rafael Diaz - 25%, Antonio Diaz - 25%.  
Awarded Categories - Landscaping Zone 5

#### **USER INFORMATION:**

Project  
Manager: 11880 - Facility Opers & Maint - City Wide  
42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Rehberg, Caleb M  
773-553-2960

PM Contact: 11880 - Facility Opers & Maint - City Wide  
42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Hansen, Ivan  
773-553-2960

#### **ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original agreement authorized by Board Report 21-0728-PR23 in the amount of \$5,813,995.64 is for a term commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2023, with the Board having three (3) options to renew for one (1) year terms. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. The First Renewal Agreement authorized by Board Report 23-0824-PR8 in the amount of \$5,000,000 is for a term commencing October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. The first renewal agreement was further amended (authorized by 23-1214-PR5) to remove references to snow removal and ice melt purchase and delivery from the renewal agreement. The second renewal agreement (authorized by Board Report 24-0829-PR7) in the amount of \$4,000,000 is for a term commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

#### **OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

#### **OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There are no renewal option periods remaining.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to provide the necessary labor, materials, and equipment to adequately provide Landscaping, Maintenance of Special Properties, and Green Infrastructure Services.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to provide to be responsible for providing the following (applicable where awarded):

- Landscaping Services
- Maintenance Schedule for Sites Serviced
- Service Tickets
- Invoices
- Before and After Pictures of Special Property Services
- Copies of all check charts and logs

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in Board Facilities having properly cared for grounds year-round.

**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 Facilities Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, the Business Diversity aspirational goals for this pool are 40% MBE and 10% WBE. This vendor pool is composed of (3) vendors with (1) MBE, (1) WBE, (1) Not-for Profit. The User group has committed to achieve the Business Diversity aspirational goals through the utilization of the certified suppliers and certified subcontractors.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 230, Department of Facilities, Unit 11880

FY26 - \$5,350,000

FY27 - \$1,300,000

Not to exceed \$6,650,000 for the one (1) 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:



MACQUILINE KING, Ed.D  
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA  
General Counsel