

Action Item - 35

Title: Contract with Accessible Services and Products, LLC. for Mechanical Lifts and Maintenance Services (\$200,000)

Board of Education Meeting Date: 6/26/2025

Action Under Consideration:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

Accessible Services & Products LLC. dba RM Penyak & Company, Inc.

Purpose:

The purchase, installation and maintenance of SureHands Lift and Care Mechanical Lift Systems and other needed lift mechanisms and systems for students with limited mobility

Start date: 8/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2028

Compensation not to exceed:
\$200,000

Location:
All Schools

Renewal Option:

Number of options: 4; Duration of each option: 1 year

Maximum Compensation authorized per option period:

FY26: 7/1/25 - 6/30/26: \$90,000
FY27: 7/1/26 - 6/30/27: \$60,000
FY28: 7/1/27 - 6/30/28: \$50,000
FY29: 7/1/28 - 6/30/29: \$70,000
FY30: 7/1/29 - 6/30/30: \$75,000
FY31: 7/1/30 - 6/30/31: \$80,000
FY32: 7/1/31 - 6/30/32: \$85,000

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

Children whose movement and mobility are limited due to injury or disability may need a mechanical lift system to move safely from place to place. Non-ambulatory children may need to be lifted from and onto chairs, tables, commodes, vehicles, therapeutic apparatus, and recreational facilities such as swimming pools. Currently, 39 District students require mechanical lifts for mobility throughout the school day and during extracurricular activities. In general, District mechanical lifts are located in the school buildings that non-ambulatory students attend during the day. It is anticipated that as the District's student population grows, more students will require mechanical lifts. In addition, this contract will also cover necessary periodic inspections, maintenance, replacement parts, and repairs.

The District selected the contractor, Accessible Services and Products LLC, to supply SureHands Lift and Care Mechanical Lift Systems and other lift mechanisms to District schools and facilities. The SureHands Lift and Care System is a standard, tested, state-of-the-art, safe, and fully functioning mechanical lift apparatus, widely used by hospitals, medical facilities, residential treatment facilities, and schools throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The SureHands Lift and Care System enables trained staff to move non-ambulatory students safely, with dignity, and with minimal effort, thereby protecting both students and staff from injury. The system will allow students with limited mobility to attend their neighborhood schools, and to fully participate in District educational programs, school events, and extracurricular activities in the least restrictive environment in compliance with IDEA FAPE requirements.

In addition to having the capacity to deliver high quality mechanical lift products on demand, the contractor also provides dependable and prompt inspection, repair, maintenance, and replacement services.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

District administrative staff will monitor and maintain records of the timeliness of delivery of lift systems after orders are made. In addition, the administrative staff will inspect the condition and quality of the contractor's products, and monitor and evaluate the contractor's installation, repair, replacement, and maintenance services.

When applicable, is this an evidence-based strategy? If so, what evidence exists to support this approach?

The contractor's SureHands Lift and Care Systems are recognized throughout the medical profession as a standard, high quality, and reliable product. The contractor is a reputable supplier that provides fast and reliable repair and maintenance services.

When applicable, was a larger community of District community members and/or stakeholders involved in this selection process? If so, what groups and how?

The contractor was selected through a comprehensive RFP process. The RFP evaluation team included experienced District administrators, teachers of students with mobility limitations, and therapeutic professionals.

Which Goal and/or Guardrail does this Action Item support?

Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?

Which session?

This action item supports Guardrail #1: Every school will be a safe, welcoming and healthy place where our students, staff and community want to be and learn each day. These lifts ensure physical access and mobility for ALL students in our buildings.

Does this Action Item support a specific strategy/intervention identified in the Strategic Plan?

This action item supports Specific Strategic Action 1: To improve the safety and well-being (physical, social-emotional, and environmental) of non-ambulatory students by providing them with safe transfer and mobility resources.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

N/A

Funding Source(s)

FY26-FY28 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Special Education and Diverse Learners