

Action Item - 12

Title: Authorization of Cooperative Purchase Agreements and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with Various Suppliers for purchasing of essential materials, supplies, and equipment needed in the operation of approved programs within the Office of Career & Technical Education (\$15,000,000)

Board of Education Meeting Date: 9/19/2024

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:

Identified via Cooperative Purchase Agreements:
B&H Photo Video
GovConnection, Inc.
Adorama Inc.
Camcor, Inc.
Snap-On

Identified via Requests for Proposals (RFPs):
Cengage Learning Inc.
Charles J. Becker and Bro, Inc.
Oss Kroy
Rubin Education

Purpose:

Purchasing of essential materials, supplies, and equipment needed in the operation of approved programs within the Office of CTE

Start date: 9/20/2024

End Date: 6/30/2027

Compensation not to exceed:

\$15,000,000

Separate Compensation by Contractor:

All entities will be paid out of the aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 (\$5,000,000 per year for three years)

Location:

All Schools; Administrative Office(s)

Renewal Option:

n/a

Description:

The Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) is seeking authorization to engage vendors chosen via either a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement or Requests for Proposals (RFPs) process to enable the District to efficiently make purchases of essential materials, supplies, and equipment necessary for the seamless operation of approved programs within the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE).

These materials, supplies, and equipment are essential to delivering high-quality education classroom instruction. These resources include educational supplies and materials, consumable goods, and various equipment including, but not limited to the following: Brake Lathes, Welding Machines, Refrigeration, Ice Maker, Wood, Pipes, metal, Program text and workbooks, 3D and Large Format Printers, Varying Audio Visual equipment like cameras or lighting systems, Hospital beds, patient lifts, etc.

Qualifying multiple vendors allows the District to address the critical need to refresh classroom supplies. In addition, providing students with access to supplies, classroom materials, and equipment for Career & Technical Education, supports Board Goal 5: 80% of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students will pass an industry standards-based competency assessment by the end of 12th grade. In August 2019, 49.9% of students passed.

By authorizing the list of Suppliers, the central office staff and schools will have access to a wide variety of instructional resources that are aligned to the District's academic goals. Purchases authorized by this action item are reviewed and approved by the Office of Career and Technical Education, prior to purchase.

Success for this authorization will be measured by feedback from school based and central office staff for on-time delivery performance and availability of needed items and cost savings on a yearly basis.

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

This supports Board Goal 5: 80% of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students will pass an industry standards-based competency assessment by the end of 12th grade. In August 2019, 49.9% of students passed.

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

3.12 Appoint an administrator to identify, audit, and improve access for underserved students to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and building trades programs

across the city in alignment with regional workforce trends.

Funding Source(s)

FY24-25 Operating and Grants

FY25-26 Operating and Grants

FY26-27 Operating and Grants

Office Originating Request:

Academic Services