

Action Item - 14

Title: Contract with The Metro Group, Inc for Boiler Water Treatment & Testing (\$959,220)

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:

The Metro Group, Inc

Purpose:

Boiler water treatment services

Start date: 7/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2028

Compensation not to exceed:

\$959,220

Location:

All Schools

Renewal Option:

Number of options: 2; Duration of each option: 1 Year

Maximum Compensation authorized per option period:

Each option at a fixed amount of \$259,680 per year

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

The Office of Facilities Management and Services requires a contract for comprehensive water treatment services. This program is essential to maintain proper water chemistry within the District's existing heating and air conditioning systems, including all boilers, cooling towers, hot and chilled water loops, and circulation equipment. The treatment supports system efficiency, longevity, and regulatory compliance.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

The success of this contract will be measured by consistent monitoring and reporting

of water chemistry levels so that they remain within the required specifications for each system (boilers, cooling towers, hot/chilled water loops). Additionally, success will be demonstrated through improved system performance, reduced maintenance issues related to water quality, and documented compliance with safety and operational standards.

If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past, and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?

The consistent maintenance of proper water chemistry levels within heating and cooling systems is evidenced by periodic reports and water quality logs. Specific indicators of success include reduced corrosion, scaling, and biofouling in boilers, cooling towers, and water loops, as well as documented compliance with safety standards and reduced instances of system downtime or maintenance related to water quality issues.

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

Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?

Which session?

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.

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

N/A

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

N/A

Funding Source(s)

FY25-26 Operating

FY26-27 Operating

FY27-28 Operating

Office Originating Request:

Operations - Facilities