

9. Amendment of Contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for AHERA Program Development Management (\$ 27,940,442.26)

## **Action Item - 9**

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**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 2/27/2025

### **Action Under Consideration**

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

**With:**

Tetra Tech, Inc.

**Purpose:**

For program management of AHERA inspections and reporting

**Originally Authorized Start date:** 4/1/2022

**Originally Authorized End date:** 3/31/2025

**Amended Authorized End Date:** 7/30/2028

**Currently Authorized Compensation:** \$29,545,354.53

**Additional Compensation by Contractor:**

\$ 27,940,442.26

**Total new Compensation:**

\$57,485,796.79

**Location:**

All Administrative Offices, All Schools

**Description:**

**Why is this contract needed?**

This is a continuation of The Office of Environmental Management Services (OEMS) contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., a large environmental project management firm with the resources to assist the School District with staffing, planning, design, and execution of Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) inspections, surveillance, data gathering and reporting. The management of asbestos containing materials in schools nationwide is regulated under AHERA which requires public school districts to: (1) inspect their schools for asbestos containing materials; (2) prepare management plans; and (3) take appropriate response actions.

The School District's asbestos management program, which includes oversight of AHERA inspections, and management of asbestos containing materials in more than 300 facilities, is managed within OEMS.

Tetra Tech is providing the staffing and expertise necessary to maintain AHERA compliance for the over 300 School District owned properties. This contract is measured through the implementation of AHERA elements for all School District owned properties. Success is measured by the execution of 3-year inspections and 6-month periodic surveillance events, and AHERA management plans, in accordance with regulatory requirements and within the approved budget.

The District is exercising its option within the original action item and contract to extend the existing contract. This action item will extend the contract for three years and include the following additional support for the AHERA Program in order to maintain AHERA compliance and to create a program that is sustainable over time:

**Staff augmentation**

- Conduct 3-year inspections and 6-month surveillances to maintain an AHERA compliant schedule
- Expedited inspections and overtime hours to minimize disruptions to the school community or school closures
- Creating a manageable inspection schedule to facilitate an easy transition to the School District, or its designee, at the end of Tetra Tech's contract

**How will the success of this contract be measured?**

The approved firm's services success will be measured based on their workforce and the ability to meet project milestones and remain within the approved budget.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

March 24, 2022; A-27

December 7, 2023; A-21

**Funding Source(s)**

FY25 Operating Funds

FY26 Operating Funds

FY27 Operating Funds

FY28 Operating Funds

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Environmental Services