

October 25, 2023

AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH ACUMEN SOLUTIONS INC FOR UNIFIED CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLATFORM AND RELATED SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the Amendment of the first renewal agreement with Acumen Solutions Inc to provide Unified Continuous Improvement Platform and Related Services to all schools and central office departments at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Acumen Solutions Inc 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.

This October 2023 amendment is necessary to increase the maximum spend authority to \$1,500,000 and to change Deliverable #1 of the completion of the Unified CI Platform from February 2023 to June 2024. The renewal term was originally exercised at no-cost (\$0) to the District. An expansion of current support services are necessary for the platform to meet District requirements during the renewal term, requiring additional funding authority. The scope of services for the renewal term shall remain unchanged. A written amendment is not required.

Specification Number : 21-350028

Contract Administrator : Hinton-Knowles, Demetra / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 98147
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Ownership: Salesforce.com 100%

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 21-0623-PR9) in the amount of \$3,653,408 is for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023, with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year terms. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-3.

OPTION PERIOD:

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Acumen solution will be providing a unified software platform for Continuous Improvement (CI) that will render a more clear alignment of the CPS Blueprint and Continuous Improvement and Data Transparency Policy through its strategic planning and continuous improvement processes. The scope of these system enhancements will primarily focus on the process needs of network and school users for to complete Network Strategic Plans and school Continuous Improvement Work Plans (CIWPs). Services also include related services for training and support that schools, network teams, and central office teams will use during strategic planning.

DELIVERABLES:

- 1) Unified CI Platform will be delivered according to schedule, with schools and networks able to use it in ~~February 2023~~ June 2024 to plan for SY25 CIWP Implementation and networks and central office staff able develop aligned SY25 strategic plans;
- 2) school CIWP team members, network staff, and central office CI leads will be trained and onboarded into the platform successfully as measured by the uptake percentage and training post-surveys;
- 3) the customer service terms within the Service Level Agreement are upheld during post-implementation

support;

4) the reporting, CI dashboards, and data infrastructure is stood up in a timely manner as outlined in the agreed upon scope of work.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in the tools necessary for the deeper collaboration needed to align across school, network and central office levels to address inequities in student outcomes while minimizing both support gaps as well as duplication of supports.

The tool and services will strengthen school, network, and Central Office plan development, implementation, and effectiveness. The tool will capture district plans to provide additional and targeted support for resources (e.g., funding to schools) and conditions (e.g., safe and inclusive learning environments) that impact a high-quality educational experience in schools with a targeted universalism approach. These plans help realize many aspects of the CPS Blueprint and fulfill commitments of the Continuous Improvement and Data Transparency policy.

COMPENSATION:

Vendor shall be paid during this option period as follows

Estimated annual costs for the one (1) year term are set forth below:

~~\$0, FY24~~

\$1,500,000, FY24

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 Chief of Network Support to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts (M/WBE Program), the goals for this contract are 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The Office of Business Diversity has granted a partial waiver and the Prime vendor has committed to the participation goals of 30% MBE of applicable spend. The vendor has scheduled the following firm:

Total MBE: 30%

Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc.

211 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 450

Chicago, IL 60606

Ownership: Arvind Talwar

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report

FINANCIAL:

Various Funds, Unit 15500 - Office of Planning and Data Management

~~\$0, FY24~~

\$1,500,000, FY24

Not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the one (1) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

CFDA#: Not Applicable

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Acting Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



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General Counsel