

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACTS
PURSUANT TO A NYSED GRANT FOR EXPANDED UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN
SERVICES IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN NEW YORK STATE (RA # 2)**

Estimated Annual / Total Contract Amount	Funding Source	Contract Term	Options	Procurement Method	Is Contract Retroactive?	Contract Type
\$1,593,494/ \$7,050,000	New York State Education Department (NYSED)	2.5 Years	None	Contract Amendment via Negotiated Service per Section 3-08 (b) of DOE Procurement Policy & Procedures	Yes	Full-Value

Vendor Names & Addresses	See table below.
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Contract Manager	Lead Contracting Officer	Division of Contracts & Purchasing Contact
Danielle Kolker Director of Operations Division of Early Childhood Education	Sophia Pappas Executive Director Division of Early Childhood Education	Toby Reyes Director of UPK Procurement

PURPOSE

On May 29, 2014, the Panel for Educational Policy (Panel) approved Requests for Authorization (RA) to amend half-day Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) contracts with the 7 vendors to provide full-day high-quality instructional programming as part of the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program. As indicated in the approved RA, all of the vendors and their principal owners and officers were subject to a comprehensive background check, but these checks were not all completed prior to Panel approval.

While the background checks have not been completed for all vendors, previously unreported noteworthy information became known to the DOE regarding prime vendor Most Precious Blood School. In accordance with the DOE commitment to report all known noteworthy information to the Panel, information concerning this vendor is summarized below.

DISCUSSION

Vendor approved at the May 29, 2014 Panel Meeting

- Most Precious Blood School
 - o In October, 2008, DOI received a complaint alleging that MPBS was engaged in misappropriation of Department of Youth and Community Development ("DYCD") funds relating to its youth afterschool and basketball programs. DOI determined that MPBS was charging registration fees to participants in the afterschool and basketball programs, in violation of its DYCD contract, and that MPBS failed to maintain any records regarding registration fees collected or used to pay basketball referees. In July 2009, DOI recommended that DYCD adopt a corrective action plan (CAP) to ensure that DYCD grantees are not improperly charging registration fees and that payments to adult participants in the DYCD-funded programs be accounted for in programmatic budgets. DOE will confirm that DYCD implemented a CAP that addressed these issues. Therefore, the DOE does not believe this precludes a determination that the vendor is responsible.

Boro	CSD	Vendor Name	Seats Converted	Original Per Seat Cost (HD)	New Per Seat Cost (SED - FD)	New Annual Amount	Years left on Contract (not including renewal options)	Total Contract Increase Amount (J*K)-(G*H*K)
Q	28	Beth Jacob Jewish Educational Center	55	\$3,483	\$6,983	\$384,065	1.5	\$288,750
Q	29	Committee For Early Childhood Development Day Care Center Inc.	107	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$749,000	2.5	\$936,250
K	18	Friends of Crown Heights	36	\$0	\$7,005	\$252,180	2.5	\$630,450
X	11	The Learning Tree School	72	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$540,000	1.5	\$378,000
Q	28	Afro-American Parents Educational	54	\$3,495	\$6,995	\$377,730	2.5	\$472,500
Q	30	Most Precious Blood School	40	\$3,545	\$7,045	\$281,800	2.5	\$350,000
Q	30	St. Francis of Assisi School	54	\$3,450	\$6,950	\$375,300	2.5	\$472,500