



Department of
Education

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Agenda

The Department of Education's (DOE) Committee on Contracts has been asked for approval to enter into contract negotiations with the following organization(s) for the services described below. Other organizations interested in providing these services to the DOE are invited to indicate their ability to do so by writing to Jay G. Miller at 65 Court Street, Room 1201, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Responses should be received no later than 9:00 AM, Thursday, March 26, 2009.

ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Teach for America

Service(s): The Division of Human Resources, Office of Teacher Recruitment and Quality, is seeking a requirements agreement with Teach for America (TFA) to provide services for alternate route teachers. TFA recruits working professionals and outstanding college graduates of all majors to commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools, and in turn receive training and professional development to further enhance their careers. Since Fall 2001, the DOE has subsidized the university component of the TFA Certification program. In the Fall of 2009, TFA expects to place approximately 250 corps members to serve in some of New York City's most hard-to-staff public schools. This subsidy ensures that these teachers are certified and eligible for employment in DOE schools. In addition to tuition subsidies, the proposed agreement will fund additional subsidies to TFA for math, science and special education teachers. However, due to budgetary constraints, the estimated contract amount may be reduced/decreased.

Funding for this program is tax levy.

Term: 9/1/09 - 8/31/12

Estimated Contract Cost: \$6,892,500

2. Justice Resource Center, Inc.

Service(s): The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division in the Office of Portfolio Development is seeking a pilot project with the Justice Resource Center, Inc. (JRC), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization created to promote law-related education programs for students. CTE wants to explore other methods of providing these services, one of which entails outsourcing the program to not-for-profit organizations such as JRC.

TERM: 4/1/09 - 6/30/11

Total Contract Cost: \$200,000

3. Vanguard Direct

Service(s): The Office of Student Enrollment, Planning and Operations (OSEPO) is seeking an exception to amend Contract #9953041 with Vanguard Direct (Vanguard), to expand the services provided by the Help Desk established to support the usage and adoption of the web-based Student Enrollment Management System (SEMS).

Vanguard was awarded Contract #9953041 through RFP #R0536 to create and support two major functions of SEMS. SEMS allows central and school-based administrative staff to review and rank applications for students in various enrollment processes, including pre-kindergarten admissions, kindergarten lotteries, elementary school gifted and talented admissions, and the middle school choice process. SEMS also allows the general public to create and submit online applications for pre-kindergarten and gifted and talented enrollment processes.

The current SEMS contract only supports the creation of a Help Desk for school personnel and DOE staff. With the launch of the SEMS application, parents will be encouraged to contact the Help Desk by OSEPO, as well as by the intake at P311, a new citywide parent hotline. This exception will allow the contract to be amended to enable Vanguard to expand the scope of the Help Desk to allow for parent intake.

Term: 4/1/09 - 6/30/10

Estimated Contract Cost: \$1,012,475

