



**Department of
Education**

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Agenda

The Department of Education's (DOE) Chancellor's Committee on Contracts (COC) 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, Friday, April 12, 2010. Any COC approval will be contingent upon no expressions of interest in performing services by other parties.

ITEM(S) FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. American Museum of Natural History

Service(s): The Office of Curriculum Standards and Academic Engagement seeks approval to enter into an agreement with the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), which serves as the lead coordinator of the Urban Advantage Middle School Science Initiative (UA).

UA aims to develop school capacity to provide resources for students and teachers to implement science investigations and intensify science content knowledge. It collaborates with DOE and the AMNH, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York Botanical Garden, Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo, New York Aquarium and Bronx Zoo. Through these partnerships, the DOE seeks to improve students' understanding of scientific inquiry by involving students and their families.

The UA program includes classroom materials and equipment, professional development that promotes teaching and learning of scientific inquiry and investigation, access to UA institutions through free school and family trips and the development of demonstration schools and lead teachers.

Term: 7/1/09 – 6/30/10

Total Contract Cost: \$1,000,000

2. Park Avenue Ambulance d/b/a American Medical Response

Service(s): The Office of School Support Services is seeking to extend Contract #9600951 with Park Avenue Ambulance d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR) to provide pupil transportation services with advanced life support to and from school for a special education student whose extreme medical condition resulted in his physician, parents and school recommending that the ambulance provider not be changed at this time. AMR has agreed to continue providing transportation services at the same price as the expired contract.

Term: 5/1/10-6/1/11

Total Contract Cost: \$161,200

3. Boys Club of New York

Service(s): The Office of School and Youth Development seeks approval to enter into a license agreement with the Boys Club of New York (BCNY) to provide space to host an Alternative Learning Center (ALC) in Lower Manhattan.

ALC's serve students who are removed from their assigned schools due to violations of the New York City Student Discipline Code that warrant a Superintendent's suspension. Most ALC's are located in DOE facilities, however, due to a shortage of DOE space, there is a need for an additional ALC site in Manhattan. The site will serve a maximum of 80 students, with suspensions ranging from 6 to 90 days.

Term: 9/1/10-6/30/11, two 1 year options to renew Total Contract Cost: \$300,000

4. ERS Data Systems

Service(s): The Office of Early Childhood Education seeks approval to enter into an agreement with ERS Data Systems to provide a Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) assessment program, in compliance with State UPK regulation, to 549 public schools and 881 contracted Community Based Organizations (CBO).

The proposed assessment tool, Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales-Revised (ECERS-R), will evaluate 43 categories organized into 7 Subscales (Space and Furnishings, Language-Reasoning, Personal Care Routines, Activities, Interaction, Program Structure, Parents and Staff). These assessments will establish a baseline of minimum quality enabling the DOE to work toward improving evaluation and oversight of instructional interactions, which will lead to the development of a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

Term: Two years

Total Contract Cost: \$1,348,014
