

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST (FINAL) RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLINKS, INC. TO PROVIDE
A COLLEGE AND CAREER ENTERPRISE PLATFORM**

**THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING
DECISION:**

Authorize the first (final) renewal agreement with Schoolinks, Inc. to provide a College and Career Enterprise Platform to the District at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Schoolinks, 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.

Specification Number : 22-083

Contract Administrator : Garvis, John R. / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 97476
SCHOOLINKS, INC.
3000 E. CESAR CHAVEZ ST STE.100
AUSTIN, TX 78702
Katie Fang
512 710-9922

Ownership: Live Oak Ventures-52%, Katie
Fang-48%

USER INFORMATION :

Project 10850 - Counseling and Postsecondary Advising
Manager: 42 West Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60602
Truax, Heidi A
773-553-2078

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 22-1207-PR2) in the amount of \$2,000,000 is for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025, with the Board having one (1) option to renew for a two (2) year term. 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 two (2) years commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:

There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Vendor will provide end use functionalities and support service specifications that the Board desires for the enterprise system. These specifications fall into seven categories:

1. College Planning
2. Career Planning
3. Academic Planning
4. Test Prep and Study Skills
5. Data Tracking and Reporting
6. Account Management
7. Technical Support

Ultimately, the aim of outlining these specifications was to acquire a system that enables students to conduct comprehensive postsecondary planning, enables educators and administrators to collect, analyze, and report on data associated with postsecondary preparation and its corresponding KPIs, and that provides satisfactory technical support and information security.

DELIVERABLES:

The vendor will continue to provide software products and other services, some of which will be paid for by the Office of School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising, and available to all schools free of charge, and some that schools will be able to choose to opt into and pay for out of their individual budgets.

OUTCOMES:

The Schoolinks, Inc. software system will continue to be the District's one-stop shop tool for ILP completion, all college and career readiness, planning and success, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) tracking and Learn.Plan.Succeed. for all students 6th through 12th grade. The Schoolinks, Inc. system is the one place where students have the ability to conduct college and career research, explore and complete a comprehensive postsecondary plan that is aligned to their interests and goals. The Schoolinks, Inc. data collection, analysis, and reporting features allow school-based staff and administrators, as well network teams to intentionally monitor student progress and success. In addition, the Schoolinks, Inc. system also serves as the key platform for tracking all college applications, scholarships, college-match, and career interest and planning.

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 the Chief of the Office of College and Career Success to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts. The MBE and WBE Policy, the contract is an excluded transaction pursuant to the Goods and Services Policy, for the aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The MBE and WBE Policy for this contract is an excluded transaction as this agreement is for proprietary Information Technology Software license and/or patented Technological Equipment.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 115, Unit 10850 - Counseling and Postsecondary Advising,

FY26 - \$400,000

FY27 - \$800,000

FY28 - \$400,000

Not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the two (2) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



MACQUILINE KING, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved: 



ELIZABETH K. BARTON
Acting General Counsel