

Which very infrequently happens but happens on occasion, so we needed to move quickly to get somebody to do this work. And ultimately after looking at a couple of different products we were able to select CAE, as offering a product that was ready to go, and would work well for our system at least on an interim basis so it's just a one year contract with them. The next is an unusual contract case, actually there was a procurement and actually a bid that was done, it was done as a small procurement originally, but after they conducted a procurement and after they selected the vendor, they realized that they needed a greater volume, so that took them over the threshold that was required for panel approval. And that's why it's coming in front of you. So it was done as a small bid but we're asking you to approve it nonetheless, and it is actually the low bidder for the services that are required, and it's for -- for flash drives for the department. Next item is also a negotiated service, this one with Questar assessment to support the district's middle school quality initiative and according to DRP assessments, they use universal screening and monitoring of students' reading comprehension. Questar is the owner of this product and the only vendor authorized to administer it. Anyway again this is also just a one year contract. The next contract also a negotiated service, is with for Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative to provide math learning for. This is -- we're doing it as a negotiated service because we really don't have time to do an RFP between when a mandate was initiated, and when we needed to deliver services. In the future we'll be doing an RFP for like services, but you can see, if you had an opportunity to read the RA, there were some efforts to look at the marketplace. But we did not conduct a full RFP and that's why it's done as a negotiated service. The next item, as well, with Santalina is a similar story also this one for math but this one for language arts and again same sorry, the mandates were relatively new, therefore no time to do an RFP, but we'll do an RFP for future procurements. Sorry for moving a little quickly. You'll stop me if you have any questions. Item 8 has been withdrawn. Brings us to item 9. This is actually from last January, this is a prekindergarten program. This is a vendor that was initially approved as an amendment by the committee on contracts in April, 2014, and by PEP, in May of 2014. It was correctly noted in the request for authorization, to both the committee on contracts and PEP that the award to Friends of Crown Heights would result in a new contract. It was nevertheless approved as a contract amendment by negotiated service. By the panel. So anyway, the request for authorization seeks to correct the award designations pursuant -- a negotiated service. So really it's a technical change. For prekindergarten. The next is also a universal prekindergarten program. This particular vendor, River Detail, was originally turned down, and they had submitted a half day proposal but they submit add protest pursuant to the department's protest rules and the protest resulted in a recommendation that the nonaward determination be overturned and the vendor be allowed to resubmit a proposal for reevaluation under the RFP. So the protest didn't actually recommend that they be awarded, but the protest officer found that the review to be somewhat defective and recommended a re-review. That re-review resulted in them being recommended for award. And subsequent to that, it was agreed by the department because we want full-day seats more than half-day seats where we can get them into a virtual full-day program. So that's the somewhat complex story on River Dale. The next one is a negotiated service with Wilson Language Corporation, it's to provide a system of support including presence PD, and sustainable -- sustainability, to district personnel, and 75 special ed -- in this particular case, we've previously used Wilson through a multiple task award contract, but that contract expired in 2015. Following which district 75 obtained these services without a contract. And but they're valuable services for D 75, so we're asking to you approve continue to go use them. Next is a demonstration project that has been implemented in -- sure I'm sorry.

>> -- Wilson, is Wilson also used for JENA.

>> Use the microphone

>> I just asked is Wilson also used with the JENA kids, kids who are on the border line.

Or is that --

>> That wouldn't be for this contract.

I would have to check and I can get back to you Deborah on that whether they're used for gen Ed but this is a district 75 procurement so it's just for special ed in this case.

They may have contracts for other things.

Yeah.

But you'd like I can certainly go back to them, not a problem.

The next is a demonstration project with SAGA innovations, it's aimed at studying high dose dosage tutoring which is an innovative approach in academic intervention services. It's -- they use anti-gun violence initiatives and it's developed by the district's office of criminal justice in cooperation with the city council, and this is going to occur in the upcoming spring semester. They use one-on-two high dosage math tutoring programs in Chicago that were similar to these, the same outfit, and they received fabulous results. So we want to see how that works here in the department, and we'll see, we might want to extend that or conduct future procurements around this. But at least for now it's being done as an innovative -- as a demonstration project to see how it works. The next is the first of what will be a few contracts that we're going to bring for panel approval for E-rate eligible services. This particular one is to provide internet services, and when I talk about E-rate as I think I've reached several of the panel members in advance of this meeting, it's a federal program that provides reimbursements to school districts to deliver various telecommunications to schools. This particular case, it's internet services. This was a bid contract. And even though only a couple of the bids, two of the bids, were responsive, we did get six bids, and Lightower was the lowest of the bidders I might be different if the results were different if they were the lowest bid. Except two nonresponsive bidders came ahead of them, but they were not, they were the lowest bidder even with the two nonresponsive bids so I would say good competition, good results and Lightower has provided services to the department in the past as well. So that's the story on that. The next is a contract for electrical energy project, it's a big project, Charan was the low bidder of 7 in both of two classes for that procurement. The next one is an energy efficiency project, for HVAC the previous one was electrical. This one is for HVAC, geometrics was the lowest bidder in every one of the classes but they didn't have capacity to serve every one of the classes hence we went to the second low bid bidder in class three, which was Volma. So that's how we end up with the two vendors in that particular procurement. So moving right along. The next item is for asbestos air sampling analysis and project management. This is awarded to the low bidder in all categories. There are two different vendors, but in each case the low bidder in each category, and as you can see from the tabulations, there was good competition in each one of the items. There were 9, 10 bidders in each one. So nice competition, and low bidder awards. The next is a ride of the cities, voice and data services contracts, for voice and data services. So it's -- this is a ride of a city contract. This is just a one-year ride, it's a one-year extension. Most of the services, but all -- most of the services here are with Verizon, a relatively small portion of the services there through AT&T. We are in the process of conducting a procurement for these very services for -- that would be covered under E-rate reimbursements going forward. So this is just a continuation of use of a city's contract. The next is a contract for promotional and incentive items, it's just what it sounds like, it's little give you ways and prizes that are used in schools. And this is a ride of a city -- department city-wide administrative services procurement. So we're riding a city contract to bring these items to our schools at discount prices. And now I'm going to get to the portion that goes really fast, if I haven't moved quickly, because the remainder of the items I believe are listing applications and city council items. The first one is a city council item. Sponsored item.

That names vendor just us for dropout prevention services at PS 96 in community school district 4.

Item number 21 has been withdrawn, item 91 22 has been withdrawn.

Item number 23 has been withdrawn.

That brings us to item 24, which is a listing applications it's textbooks and ancillary materials that we'd be purchasing from crierer enterprise These are -- -- Kreizel enterprise it's how to read and write in Hebrew is what those books are for.

The next is a listing application contract with Mind Wing they produce work books that focus on reading and listening comprehension, writing and oral expression, and the last -- I'm sorry second to the last is a listing application with lake shore for resources and early childhood in elementary school teachers.

And the last item is with school specialty, through whom we purchase supplemental materials for work books and English language learns, early childhood students and preK.

Again all those listing applications are for licensed and copy rideed materials, sold only by the publishers and each one of those case we get an assurance that we're getting the best prices anybody gets so at least nobody gets better prices than us, we get what's called most favored nation.

Any questions on any of those items?

I moved quickly and it's a little noisy in here Okay.

So do you want to have them voted on at the panel meeting as a -- how do you have them queue queued up for the panel?

>> However anybody would like for them to be.

>> Should we do that as a single --

>> If there are no concerns we should do one.

>> Right, so if there are no concerns we can vote on them as a single item and if any panel members have questions we can answer them.

And as always panel members can vote on individual items differently if they see fit.

So we'll do them as one item.

Okay.

Thank you very much.

That's the contracts committee.

(meeting concluded .)