

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve Agreement FY20-072 – Global Citizenship e-Classroom for Middle Students Around the World

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the Agreement between Global Cities, Inc. and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), one (1) year, starting July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with an option for two (2) additional one (1) Year Renewal Periods. The current agreement started August 8, 2017, and expires on June 30, 2019. The Global Cities, Inc. program called Global Scholars connects participating middle school students to other national and international students using internet-based educational activities, project-based learning, and other instructional strategies to develop student's global citizenship while enhancing critical Twenty-First Century skills.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Innovative Learning

The Global Cities, Inc. program called Global Scholars connects participating middle school students to other national and international students using internet-based educational activities, project-based learning, and other instructional strategies to develop student's global citizenship while enhancing critical Twenty-First Century skills. Global Scholars delivers a blended learning delivery model, providing access to interactive, multimedia, online classroom, and original curriculum materials that enable students to learn and communicate about important global issues that have a local impact.

Successful implementation includes subject content mastery, effective English language communication, and technology proficiency. In Broward, this program is offered as an elective, within a specific content area or as an afterschool club. In preparation for their facilitation role, teachers receive professional development through distance learning, support from the District and the program provider as well as opportunities to connect to a worldwide network of educators.

The chart below details the District's participation in the Global Scholars program over the past four (4) years.

YEAR	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	TOPIC COVERED
2015-2016	4	235	Building Better Cities
2016-2017	16	825	Digital Cities Connect
2017-2018	21	994	Feeding Our Cities
2018-2019	22	1164	World of Water
2019-2020	27	1325	Nature and Our Cities

Global Scholars was piloted in Broward during the 2015-2016 school year. Four (4) schools, Apollo, Deerfield Beach, Crystal Lake, and Lyons Creek, volunteered to participate in the pilot. During the 2016-2017 school year, Broward County Public Schools had the greatest growth in the number of schools with an additional twelve (12) schools offering Global Scholars. In the third school year, 2017-2018, participation focused on adding multiple grade levels within schools. This resulted in adding significantly less new schools with continued growth in the number of participating students with multiple grade levels offering global scholars within schools.

This trend continued during the 2018-2019 school year with the addition of one (1) new school and growth in student numbers. The 2019-2020 school year is projected to have both an increase in students and the addition of five (5) new schools. The ultimate goal is to have all middle schools offering global learning opportunities.

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The following is a list of participating schools who will continue to offer Global Scholars during 2019-2020 school year:

Apollo MS	Deerfield Beach MS	Margate MS	Nova MS	Rickards MS	Westpine MS
Attucks MS	Glades MS	Millennium MS	Olsen MS	Silver Lakes MS	William Dandy MS
Bair MS	Lauderhill 6 -12	New River MS	Parkway MS	Silver Trail MS	
Crystal Lake MS	Lyons Creek MS	New Renaissance MS	Plantation MS	Westglades MS	

The following are four (4) additional schools who have indicated an interest in offering Global Scholars during 2019-2020 School Year. They have been introduced virtually to Global Cities and received program information and requirements for the application process:

Driftwood MS	Indian Ridge MS	Pines MS	Ramblewood MS
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A fifth school is still to be determined.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Principals are provided program information and encouraged to participate during a Global Scholars presentation at the Middle School Principals meeting. The program requires a commitment from schools to provide a qualified teacher as facilitator, and students must have access to computers for at least two (2) hours weekly for the entire school year. Professional development is provided via a webinar, and teachers are required to attend an hour of learning just before the start of each unit. Innovative Learning also provides a highly recommended collaborative learning experience that provides additional support.

Annually, Global Cities provides Broward’s participation quota for the following school year. Global Cities base this quota on available cities nationally and internationally to provide meaningful connections that support an effective learning experience. Following the notification of additional seats, principals who indicated an interest in offering the program are introduced to Global Cities and invited to complete the application process.

Procurement Method

Pursuant to Purchasing Policy 3320, Section II, N, a contract for commodities or contractual services may be awarded, without competitive solicitations, if state or federal law, a grant or a state or federal agency contract prescribes with whom The School Board must contract or if the rate of payment is established during the appropriations process.

Financial Impact

Responsible: PWS and Innovative Learning

There is no financial impact to the District.