

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve Agreement FY20-031 Community-Based Vocational Education (CBVE) Program

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the recommendation to award the Agreement FY20-031 between the School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), and Publix Supermarkets, Inc. (Publix) for their Community-Based Vocational Education Program. The contract term will start upon execution of both parties through June 15, 2022, two (2) years, ten (10) months with an option for two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods.

There is no financial impact to the District.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS)

The CBVE is a Community Based Instruction (CBI) program. Every student in high school, grade 12 through transition age twenty-two (22), can participate in CBI depending on their individualized education program (IEP) goals, job assessments, and area of interest. The teacher implements assessments at the start of the school year and determines who will be going to Publix to learn employment skills or independent living skills. The students are transported on a school bus, and they are supervised by a teacher, job coach, or paraprofessional.

This Agreement allows all of the District schools to participate in CBI at any Publix in Broward County. Since Publix is one (1) of the Districts largest employers for people with disabilities, this Agreement is very important to allow students the opportunity to train there. Publix is the training site for the teacher and student.

The CBVE program is designed and executed in such a manner that exceptional students are not classified as Publix employees in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”) criteria and are not paid for their participation or activities in the program. Publix gives them the opportunity to apply for a paid position; if the student decides to do so, coaches will assist them with the application process and interview. As soon as the application is accepted, their participation in the CBVE program is terminated.

Procurement Method

Responsible: PWS

Pursuant to Purchasing Policy 3320 and the Department of Education, Rule 6A-1.012, 11(a), Florida Administrative Code as authorized by Section 1010.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, and School Board Policy 3320, Section II, G, the requirement for requesting competitive solicitation for commodities or contractual services from three (3) or more sources is hereby waived for the purchase of professional services.

Financial Impact

Responsible: PWS and ESLS

There is no financial impact to the District.