

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve First Amendment and Renewal FY20-072 – Global Citizenship e-Classroom for Middle Students Around the World

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the First Amendment and Renewal of the Agreement between Global Cities, Inc. and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), that facilitates the program called Global Scholars which 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 students global citizenship while enhancing critical Twenty-First Century skills.

The agreement was approved by the School Board at the Regular School Board Meeting on June 25, 2019, under Item E-3 for one (1) year starting July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with a renewal option for two (2) additional one (1) year periods.

The purpose of the amendment is to renew for an additional year, extending the contract through June 30, 2021.

There is no financial impact to the District.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Innovative Learning

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 included 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

Year	# Schools	# Students	Theme
2015 - 2016	4	235	Building Better Cities
2016 - 2017	16	825	Digital Cities Connect
2017 - 2018	21	994	Feeding Our Cities
2018 - 2019	22	1150	World of Water
2019 - 2020	25	1350	Nature and Our Cities

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