

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### **Recommendation to Approve Third Amendment, Renewal, and Additional Spending Authority 59-087C – Broward County NatureScape Program**

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#### **Introduction**

##### **Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)**

This request is to approve the Third Amendment, Renewal, and Additional Spending Authority of the Partnership Agreement between Broward County and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), for the NatureScape Program. The agreement was approved at the School Board Operational Meeting (SBOM) as Item JJ-1, starting December 12, 2017 through December 11, 2018, with a renewal option for (4) four (1) one (1) year periods, and an approved spending authority of \$222,216. The First Amendment and Renewal was approved at the SBOM as EE-4 on December 4, 2018, with an additional spending authority of \$114,442. The Second Amendment and Renewal was approved at the SBOM as EE-27 on June 11, 2019, with an additional spending authority of \$228,884, bringing the total approved spending authority to \$565,542. Upon approval of this item, the Agreement will expire on June 30, 2021.

The additional spending authority being requested is \$235,748. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) will come from Applied Learning's operating budget, and eighty-five thousand, seven hundred forty-eight dollars (\$85,748) will come from Title IV.

#### **Goods/Services Description**

##### **Responsible: Applied Learning**

The approval of this item will be the third renewal under the third five (5) year NatureScape Program partnership agreement with Broward County. For the past thirteen (13) years SBBC, working in partnership with Broward County's NatureScape Program within Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division (EPCRD), has made substantial progress in implementing measures that promote greater environmental sustainability, including the protection and conservation of water resources, landscape and habitat improvements to SBBC facilities. The NatureScape Program has actively engaged the student population, teachers, and staff by instilling values associated with environmental stewardship and sustainability through classroom lessons, outdoor learning opportunities, training, and implementation of best management practices.

In addition, the programs supported by the NatureScape agreement provide engaging, real-world experiences for Broward County students while reinforcing core content skills and creating an awareness of emerging careers in the conservation of the environment.

Environmental Stewardship Policy 7014 requires environmental stewardship as "an economic, environmental, and social priority to be taught, practiced and implemented throughout the District." As in the District's Student Progression Plan (Policy 6000.1), "the concepts and practices of environmental stewardship are embedded into the current character traits and should be reinforced throughout the Character Education curriculum."

Through March of 2020, the program has educated more than eighty-two thousand (82,000) students and provided training for more than two thousand and fifty (2,050) teachers and SBBC staff. Major accomplishments include the delivery of over two thousand seven hundred and fifty (2,750) educational programs, workshops, and staff training. The addition of seven (7) certified school habitats brings the total of National Wildlife Foundation schoolyard habitats to two hundred thirty-six (236). Broward County Public Schools is the largest school district in the nation, certified by the National Wildlife Foundation, based on education and training. The annual District/County joint delivery of the County's premier environmental showcase events, Broward Water Matters Day, the Youth Climate Summit, and the annual P3 Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony highlight the District's teachers and students for their environmental recognition and achievements.

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Conservation of water resources involved an evaluation of seven hundred ten (710) existing irrigation systems at three hundred twenty-eight (328) school facilities as well as indoor water audits and improvements conducted at twenty-six (26) schools.

The overall NatureScape Program effort is guided by SBBC’s Applied Learning and Environmental Conservation/Utility Management departments and the EPCRD’s team of two point five (2.5) Full Time Employees and is supported by additional Broward County technical resources as needed.

**Procurement Method**

**Responsible: PWS**

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

**Financial Impact**

**Responsible: PWS and Applied Learning**

The additional spending authority being requested is \$235,748 and based on the contracted prices as demonstrated below:

<b>Service Goods</b>	<b>Not-To-Exceed Amount</b>	<b>New Renewal Expiration Date</b>
Initial Term [one (1) year]	\$55,554 quarterly (\$222,216 term total)	December 2018
1 <sup>st</sup> Renewal Term [six (6) months]	\$57,221 quarterly (\$114,442 term total)	June 30, 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> Renewal Term [one (1) year]	\$57,221 quarterly (\$228,884 term total)	June 30, 2020
3 <sup>rd</sup> Renewal Term [one (1) year]	58,937 quarterly (\$235,748 term total)	June 30, 2021
4 <sup>th</sup> Renewal Term [one (1) year]	\$60,705 quarterly (\$242,820 term total)	June 30, 2022
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>\$1,044,110</b>	

**Financial Impact Table:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Term (months)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Original spending authority request	11/7/2017	12	\$ 222,216
1st renewal + additional spending authority	12/4/2018	6	\$ 114,442
2nd renewal + additional spending authority	6/11/2019	12	\$ 228,884
3rd renewal + additional spending authority	6/9/2020	12	\$ 235,748
<b>New Total Contract Amount</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>\$ 801,290</b>

The funding will come from the Applied Learning Department’s operating budget and Title IV funding provided by the State. Upon approval of this item, the newly approved spending authority will be \$801,290. The financial impact amount represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.