

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

September 9, 2021

APPROVED BY BOARD

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Contract Approval for Bid No. 4403.1, STEM Programs—Extension

This is the final extension of the annual contract for STEM Programs for schools. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this contract through June 30, 2022.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is committed to excellence and equity when implementing districtwide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learning experiences for students. Since 2017, MCPS has partnered with KID Museum (MOCO KIDSCO, Inc.) to implement districtwide middle school STEM initiatives to expand student access to hands-on, project-based learning experiences that are fully aligned with MCPS curriculum and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). A major focus has been on increasing student engagement in STEM learning among traditionally underrepresented groups, including girls, Latino students, African American students, and students in poverty.

In 2021–2022, as part of the learning recovery plan following the COVID-19 pandemic, KID Museum programming substantially will expand to include elementary school STEM initiatives during the school year, elementary and middle school programming during the summer, and expanded programming in Title I schools. These student programs will be funded through various sources including grants and local funding.

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools is committed to excellence and equity when developing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning experiences for our students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools will continue to develop partnerships that enable innovation to enhance science, technology, engineering, and mathematics student learning experiences, with a focus on access for traditionally underrepresented students; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools will innovate within current school structures to elevate student learning and achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools will extend the current contract agreement with middle schools and expand the current contract to support elementary schools and summer programming with KID Museum;

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted for the purchase of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs through Bid No. 4403.1; now therefore be it

Resolved, That having been duly advertised, the following contract be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

4403.1 STEM Programs—Extension
 Responsible Office: Office of Teaching, Learning,
 and Schools

Awardee

MOCO KIDSCO, Inc., Bethesda, Maryland

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