

5. CONSENT AGENDA 3. PURCHASING

5.3.4. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) S-STEM BUILDING TRANSITIONS GRANT EVALUATION SERVICES

Lead Staff: Miguel Mireles, Dean, Engineering, Math and Physical Sciences Division

Funding Source: NSF S-STEM Building Transitions Grant

Funding Request: \$90,000.00

Vendor	Amount
MN Associates, Inc.	\$90,000.00

Explanation of Purchase: This agreement supports the six-year external evaluation of the NSF S-STEM Building Transitions Grant, a required component to ensure federal compliance. The evaluator will conduct annual formative and summative assessments to measure progress, analyze data, and confirm alignment with NSF goals. This process ensures accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement throughout the grant's duration.

Pursuant to 110 ILCS 805/3-27.1 (a), contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part, are exempt from the competitive bidding process.

Recommendation: Approve a purchase through September 30, 2031 with MN Associates, Inc. of Fairfax, VA in a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000.00.