



# Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

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CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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DATE: Monday, September 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action on Construction Services Contract for RFP#2324-05; Bond 2023 Project: Experiential Learning for Four (4) Elementary Schools Contract

### PRIORITIES

#### PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- 1.1 Annually increase performance in reading for all students and all student groups
- 1.2 Annually increase performance in math for all students and all student groups
- 1.3 Annually increase performance in College; Career; and Military Readiness for all students and all student groups
- 1.4 Annually increase student engagement for all students and all student groups
- 1.5 Annually increase the percentage of students who feel safe at school

#### PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

#### PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 3.1 Annually increase the percentage of student satisfaction

#### PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

- 4.3 Ensure strategic alignment of resources
- 4.4 Annually improve safety and security

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following project is part of the approved BOND 2023 package listed as Hands-On Learning Experiences at Four (4) Elementary Campuses. The district acquired Pfluger Architects to provide professional architectural services for this project.

G-PISD's elementary schools for this request consist of four (4) schools. The schools are East Cliff Elementary, Stephen F. Austin Elementary, WC Andrews Elementary, and TM Clark Elementary. The usable space within each school varies between entry, outdoor, hallways, specific rooms, and cafeteria spaces. The total area for experiential learning spaces in square footage varies for each school. Please review the attachment below titled Gregory-Portland TEKS to Inform Design. In addition, a presentation of the rendering was attached in "Extras".

Gregory-Portland Independent School District (G-PISD) is seeking proposals for the design, construction/fabrication, and installation of experiential learning exhibits. The Exhibit Provider should have experience and expertise with programming, cost estimating, planning, designing, construction/fabrication, and the installation of interactive furnishing in schools, as well as able to provide associated curriculum support materials. The Exhibit Provider will be required to provide the conceptual design, design development, documentation, cost estimating, and production and installation development relating to the interior/exterior furnishing of school spaces within the District's four Elementary schools (the "Project").

It is intended that the selected Exhibit Provider shall be tasked to construct and install Owner-approved exhibit designs to create an experience that engages all senses and utilizes hands-on methods of teaching foundational elements behind complex concepts that are relevant to the challenges of this new generation of children. The spaces will feature such learning experiences as exploration, socialization, small group and individual instructional activity, gross motor skill activity, and dramatic play. The Project will be comprised of specialty areas, each focusing on different educational/cultural topics. Each specialty area will be equipped by the Exhibit Provider with illustrative graphics, interactive exhibits, media, and researched based curricular lessons/activities that are developed by the Exhibit Provider, preferably with guidance through a university or other academic partnership, and are appropriate for children ages 5-10 to meet the Texas Department of Education expectations and preparation for elementary standards.

On August 26, 2024 Administration recommended and the School Board awarded Exhibit Concepts, Inc. and gave the Superintendent the ability to negotiate a contract, not to exceed \$3,500,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends to approve and execute the contract with Exhibit Concepts, Inc. for Construction Services for RFP#2324-05 Experiential Learning for Four (4) Elementary Schools, as originally approved at the August 26, 2024 Regular School Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

A total amount Not to Exceed \$3,500,000

This item is specifically for hands-on learning experiences.

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL) (LOCAL)

CV (LEGAL) (LOCAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the board make a motion to award a Construction Services Contract for RFP#2324-05 Experiential Learning Provider for four (4) Elementary Schools to Contractor: Exhibit Concepts, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$3,500,000