



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: May 16, 2018

Purpose: Presentation/Report Recognition Discussion/ Possible Action

Closed/Executive Session Work Session Discussion Only Consent

From: Cynthia Bills, Director of STEM & Advanced Academics

Item Title: Creative Learning Systems -STEM SmartLab Learning Environment for Dwight MS – STEM Academy

Description:

Creative Learning Systems will deliver the Design and Implementation of “Four Peninsula SmartLab for 24 Learners”, Curriculum Resources, Professional Development and Support for the STEM Academy at Dwight Middle School using contract 14/036JN-01 – Choice Partners Cooperative.

Recommendation:

Approve the purchase agreement with Creative Learning Systems in the amount of \$182,827.

District Goal/Strategy:

Strategy 3 We will provide meaningful and innovative instruction that promotes critical thinking and problem solving.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

Fund 199	
\$182,827	

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

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Creative Learning Systems

Contract Category: Applied Technology Lab

Contract Number: 14/036JN-01

Contract Terms:

Initial Award Date: November 18, 2014

1st Renewal Start Date: November 18, 2015

2nd Renewal Start Date: November 18, 2016

3rd Renewal Start Date: November 18, 2017

Current Expiration Date: November 17, 2018

Renewals Remaining: 1

CP Contract Manager:

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Contract Partner: Creative Learning Systems



Contract Partner Web Site:
<http://www.creativelearningsystems.com>

Approved Market Area: National

APPROVED PRODUCT OR SERVICE:

Integrated Technology Learning Laboratories

MWBE/HUB Status: Not Certified

ABOUT THIS PARTNER:

Creative Learning Systems develops engaging STEM and digital media programs for elementary, middle and high schools. We call them SmartLabs.

Since creating the first technology lab in a U.S. school in 1987, Creative Learning Systems has pioneered STEM and digital media arts programs in K-12 education. Together with our partner schools across the country, we put technology in the hands of students and engage them with personalized, problem-based learning. While the technologies behind our learning solutions are ever-evolving, our educational philosophy remains constant:

All learners require proficiency in STEM. STEM programs must therefore address the needs of a wide range of abilities, learning styles and personal interests.

The most effective STEM education is an integrated, transdisciplinary approach that builds connections to fine arts, language arts and social studies.

College and career readiness demands next generation skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, collaboration and communication, project and time management, creativity and adaptability. These skills must be an integral part of the educational experience.

Application of technology to work flow is a critical workplace competency. Students should have the opportunity to actively practice and develop these skills in school.

Personalized learning is individualized, differentiated, and relevant to the interests of each and every student.

Personalized learning empowers students to shape their own learning experience.

Authentic learning requires authentic assessment. ePortfolios provide a basis for authentic assessment while developing critical communication skills.