

**(ATTACHMENT 9) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**

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Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

RFP Number (if applicable): RFP 816

**MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

This Contract is being entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2013, by and between **MJ Care, Inc.** (“Contractor”) and Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”).

**1. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Contractor shall specifically perform the following tasks:

MJ Care, Inc. will provide the District with qualified physical therapists (“PT”) to provide student-specific therapy services as identified in Individual Education Plan (“IEP”) documentation for MPS students. The therapy services to be provided include: evaluation, development of an IEP with meaningful and measurable goals, development of an intervention plan, direct and indirect therapeutic interventions, attendance at IEP-team meetings and consultation with staff members.

MJ Care, Inc. must provide qualified physical therapists in the state of Wisconsin with a current available pool of therapists. Individual therapist’s resumes must be submitted to MPS and MPS will then evaluate individual candidates. PTs will be dispatched by MPS. MPS reserves the right to request the replacement of personnel assigned by the Contractor with no notice and at no additional cost to MPS if, in MPS’ sole discretion, it is determined that the therapist does not adequately meet the needs of MPS.

The District expects MJ Care, Inc. to be able to respond immediately to any issues or concerns that may arise with a contracting therapist.

Physical Therapists (“PT”)

PTs engaged on an annual basis are paid for approximately 191 days per year and approximately 7 hours per day. The work day start and end times are flexible depending on the start and end time of each school. MPS fills vacancies first with district-hired staff. Remaining vacancies would then be filled by MJ Care, Inc.-supplied staff. The number of MJ Care, Inc. staff may vary from year to year. Occasionally, mid-year vacancies also occur and may be filled by MJ Care, Inc. Contracted therapists work only on student attendance days and only for the traditional school year calendar (not year-round). On average, a PT will be assigned to 4-5 schools with one school designated as a “base site” providing an office location.

The District expects MJ Care, Inc. to supply degreed professionals on an as-needed basis. These professionals must:

1. Hold a valid license to practice PT in the state of Wisconsin.
2. Hold a valid Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (“DPI”) license for PT.
3. Comply with federal, state and local mandates, policies and procedures governing services to students with special education needs.
4. Provide PT Services as identified in each student’s IEP.
5. Provide evaluation and ongoing assessment of a student’s needs in relation to PT interventions.
6. Develop measurable, meaningful and functional goals for each student’s IEP.
7. Establish comprehensive, individualized intervention plans annually for each student.
8. Document student progress through the use of computer-based software programs; this includes but is not limited to: daily notes, monthly progress notes, student progress in the IEP.
9. Provide documentation within the Medicaid billing software (access provided by MPS) for Medicaid billing purposes. MPS handles Medicaid billing and will provide training on utilizing the district software program.
10. Consider Assistive Technology solutions for each student.
11. Develop Home Programs as needed.
12. Adapt/modify curriculum and tools for the classroom and/or worksite.
13. Instruct/train others in the use of specialized equipment and/or techniques.
14. Collaborate with other members of the educational team, including parents.
15. Provide general information and staff development to school staff members on topics such as early development, mobility skills, use of adaptive equipment, transferring and positioning students, and/or community access.
16. Manage a flexible schedule to accommodate treatment sessions, IEP-tem meetings and travel between schools.
17. Have his/her own vehicle for travel between school sites; travel time is built in to the 70-hour paid day.
18. Have sufficient computer skills for data entry and basic word processing; MPS provides computer access for documentation and billing purposes.

The District expects MJ Care, Inc. to be able to respond immediately to any issues or concerns that may arise with a contracting therapist.

MPS does not expect the MJ Care, Inc. to provide equipment and supplies. Equipment and supplies are provided by MPS, at no charge to the Contractor.

## **2. TERM**

This Contract shall be in effect from November 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014 with the option to extend for two (2) additional school-year periods, each subject to Board approval. MJ Care, Inc. will provide annual reports on usage.

**No work** shall commence before a Contractor receives a fully executed Contract and has been given approval to proceed. Any work performed by the Contractor prior to obtaining a fully-executed contract with approval to proceed shall not be compensated pursuant to this contract. Any continuation of the contract beyond this term must be set forth in writing and signed by the original signatories to the contract.

## **3. COMPENSATION**

Total compensation under this Contract shall not exceed \$69,936.00.

MPS reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether services have been adequately and fully delivered; to withhold payment until services are fully and adequately delivered ; or to disallow a pro rata share of payments for services not fully and adequately delivered.

Milwaukee Public Schools does not pay in advance for services. No payment shall be made until a properly submitted invoice is approved. Invoices shall be submitted to:

Ms. Lisa Barczyk  
Coordinator, OT, PT and Assertive Technology Services  
Milwaukee Public Schools  
5225 West Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

A properly submitted invoice must include a detailed description of the dates and times worked, and the tasks performed. As a matter of practice, MPS attempts to pay all invoices in 30 days. It is mutually agreed that State Prompt pay law does not apply to this contract.

Unless otherwise specified, MPS shall not pay invoices submitted more than 60 days after actual work. In the case of grant funding, no payments shall be made after grant close out. Final invoices must be marked as such.

## **4. NON APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

This Contract is contingent upon the appropriation of sufficient funds by appropriate MPS officials. If funds are not appropriated, Contractor agrees to take back any commodities furnished under the Contract, terminate any services supplied to MPS under the Contract, and relieve MPS of any further obligations under the Contract.

## **5. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

In the performance of work under this Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate in any way against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40) or sex. This prohibition includes but is not be limited to employment; promotions, demotions and transfers; recruitment; advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. Contractor is required to include a similar provision in all subcontracts to this contract.

If MPS determines Contractor has violated this non-discrimination policy, MPS may terminate this Contract without liability for undelivered services or materials. MPS may also deem the Contractor ineligible to participate in future contracts with MPS.

## 6. INDEMNITY

Notwithstanding any references to the contrary, Contractor assumes full liability for all of its acts or omissions in the performance of this Contract, as well as the acts or omissions of its subcontractors. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless MPS, its agents, officers and employees against all liabilities, losses, judgments, decrees, costs, and expenses that may be claimed against MPS as a result of granting of this contract to said Contractor, or that may result from the carelessness or neglect of said Contractor, its agents, or employees. If judgment is recovered against MPS in suits of law or equity for any reason, including by reason of the carelessness, negligence, or acts or omissions of the Contractor, against such persons, firms or corporations carrying out the provisions of the Contract for the Contractor, the Contractor assumes full liability for such judgment, not only as to any monetary award, but also as to the costs, attorneys fees or other expenses resulting therefrom.

In accordance with applicable laws, MPS shall be responsible for defending and paying judgments on behalf of its officers, employees and agents while acting within the scope of their employment or agency for any claims that may arise out of MPS' negligence for acts, policies, or directives that affect the activities covered by this Contract.

## 7. BACKGROUND CHECKS

A criminal information background check is required for all persons providing services under this Contract, including volunteers, that: (1) provide services in MPS facility(ies) on a regular and ongoing basis or more than 5 hours per week; and (2) come into contact with or have access to MPS students with or without the presence of an MPS teacher or MPS supervisor.

The purpose of this check is to ensure there is nothing that would render the person(s) unfit to perform services under this Contract where there is contact and or access to MPS students. MPS will, in its sole discretion, determine whether there is anything in a background check that would render a person unfit to work in an MPS facility with contact or access to MPS students. MPS shall perform background checks in the state(s) in which the individual resided for at least 6 months in the last 5 years, and was 18 years old or older at the time.

Contractor may perform its own criminal background checks through the Wisconsin Department of Justice Crime Information Bureau ("CIB"). Contractor shall provide the completed criminal background checks to at least 10 days prior to any services being performed pursuant to this contract.

MPS will perform the necessary background investigation at the rate of \$10.00 per person. In the event Contractor chooses this option, Contractor may contact the Office of Staffing Services at 475-8224 to obtain the necessary forms. Please note that all forms must be filled out and submitted at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the services.

All background checks must be completed prior to the commencement of services under this contract. MPS will NOT be responsible for the payment of any services rendered by Contractor before the completion of these criminal information background checks.

## 8. INSURANCE AND PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Contractor understands and agrees that financial responsibility for claims or damages to any person, or to Contractor's employees and agents, shall rest with the Contractor. Contractor and its subcontractors shall effect and maintain any insurance coverage, including, but not limited to, Workers' Compensation, Employers' Liability, General Liability, Contractual Liability, Professional Liability, Automobile Liability and Umbrella Liability to support such financial obligations. The indemnification obligation, however, shall not be reduced in any way by existence or non-existence, limitation, amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable under Workers' Compensation laws or other insurance provisions.

The minimum limits of insurance required of the Contractor by MPS shall be:

Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employers' Liability	\$100,000 per occurrence
General Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Auto Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Umbrella (excess) Liability	\$1,000,000 per occurrence

MPS shall be named as an additional insured under Contractor's and subcontractors' general liability insurance and umbrella liability insurance. Evidence of all required insurances of Contractor shall be given to MPS. The certificate of insurance or policies of insurance evidencing all coverages shall include a statement that MPS shall be afforded a thirty (30) day written notice

of cancellation, non-renewal or material change by any of Contractor's insurers providing the coverages required by MPS for the duration of this contract.

#### **9. SHIPPING /TAXES**

If goods are provided pursuant to this Contract, please note that MPS is exempt from Federal Excise and Wisconsin Sales Taxes. All vendor quotes, bids and invoices must include delivery FOB destination to the MPS location receiving the goods and freight must be prepaid. This means any freight, shipping, processing, handling or like charges must be part of a unit price. Any separate line items for freight, shipping, processing, handling or like charges listed on an invoice will be deleted and NOT PAID.

All textbook purchases shall be governed by the terms and conditions in the Milwaukee Board of School Director Textbook Contract, found on the Milwaukee Public Schools portal (<http://mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us>) which provides that textbooks shipped to MPS or its schools must be done at no additional charge to MPS or its schools.

MPS reserves the right to reject any items that do not conform to the bid, quote or Purchase Order. All return freight charges associated with the rejected materials shall be borne by the vendor.

#### **10. IRREPARABLE HARM**

It is mutually agreed the breach of this Contract on Contractor's part shall result in irreparable and continuing damage to MPS for which money damages may not provide adequate relief. Therefore, the breach of this Contract on Contractor's part shall entitle MPS to both preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and money damages insofar as they can be determined under the circumstances.

#### **11. TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR**

Contractor may, at its option, terminate this Contract upon the failure of MPS to pay any amount, which may become due hereunder for a period of sixty (60) days following submission of appropriate billing and supporting documentation. Upon said termination, Contractor shall be paid the compensation due for all services rendered through the date of termination including any retainage.

#### **12. TERMINATION BY MPS - BREACH BY CONTRACTOR**

If Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or violates any of its provisions, MPS shall thereupon have the right to terminate it by giving five (5) days written notice before the effective date of termination of the contract, specifying the alleged violations, and effective date of termination. The Contract shall not be terminated if, upon receipt of the notice, Contractor promptly cures the alleged violation with five (5) days. In the event of termination, MPS will only be liable for services rendered through the date of termination and not for the uncompleted portion, or for any materials or services purchased or paid for by Contractor for use in completing the Contract.

#### **13. TERMINATION BY MPS**

MPS further reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time for any reason by giving Contractor written notice by Registered or Certified Mail of such termination. MPS will attempt to give Contractor 20 days notice, but reserves the right to give immediate notice. If In the event of said termination, Contractor shall reduce its activities hereunder, as mutually agreed to, upon receipt of said notice. Upon said termination, Contractor shall be paid for all services rendered through the date of termination, including any retainage. This section also applies should the Milwaukee Board of School Directors fail to appropriate additional monies required for the completion of the Contract.

#### **14. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Contractor agrees and stipulates that in performing this Contract, it is acting as an Independent Contractor, and that no relationship of employer and employee, partnership or joint venture is created by this Contract. Contractor has exclusive control over work hours, location, and other details of such services, and MPS' sole interest is to ensure that said service shall be performed and rendered in a competent, safe, efficient, timely and satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

Contractor has the sole obligation to provide for and pay any contribution or taxes required by federal, state or local authorities imposed on or measured by income. Contractor specifically covenant not to file any complaint, charge, or claim with any local, state or federal agency or court in which Contractor claims to be or to have been an employee of MPS during the period of time covered by this Contract and that if any such agency or court assumes jurisdiction of any complaint, charge or claim against MPS on Contractor's behalf, Contractor will request such agency or court to dismiss such matter. MPS shall not be charged any obligation or responsibility whatsoever of extending any fringe benefits which may be extended to MPS employees, including any insurance, or pension plans.

Contractor further agrees that MPS is not to be charged with the obligation or responsibility of extending any fringe benefits such as hospital, medical and life insurance, or pension plans which may be extended to employees of MPS from time-to-time and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless MPS and all its employees, officers and agents from any liability for personal injuries, including death, or for damage to or loss of personal property, which might occur as a result of the performance of the services provided for under this Contract.

**15. ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION**

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns; provided, however, that neither party shall assign its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other.

**16. PROHIBITED PRACTICES**

- A. Contractor during the period of this contract shall not hire, retain or use for compensation any member, officer, or employee of MPS to perform services under this Contract, or any other person who, to the knowledge of Contractor, has a conflict of interest.
- B. Contractor hereby attests it is familiar with MPS's Code of Ethics, providing in pertinent part, "[a]n employee of Milwaukee Public Schools may not accept any gift or gratuity in excess of \$25.00 annually from any person, persons, group or any firm which does business with or is attempting to do business with MPS."
- C. Contractor shall adhere to the MPS' Livable Wage Policy that requires all contractors to pay their employees a minimum of \$7.70 per hour.
- D. No person may enter into this contract for services that the MPS employee would otherwise perform as an employee.
- E. No current or former MPS employee may perform services on a professional services contract without the prior written consent of the Director of Human Relations of her designee.
- F. If the Contract is for apparel for \$5,000.00 or more, the Contractor agrees to provide only items manufactured by responsible manufacturers. Contractor is required to include a similar provision in all subcontracts to this contract.

**17. NOTICES**

Notices to either party provided for in this Contract shall be sufficient if sent by Certified or Registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the signatories on this contract, or to their designees.

**18. WAIVER**

The waiver or failure of either Party to exercise in any respect any rights provided for in this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of any further right under this Contract.

**19. INTEGRATION / SEVERABILITY**

This Contract and its exhibits and addenda, if any, constitute the entire Contract among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior proposals, negotiations, conversations, discussions and Contracts among the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof. No amendment or modification of any provision of this Contract shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by both Parties.

The District shall not be bound by any terms and conditions included in of contractor's packaging, service catalog, brochure, technical data sheet or other document which attempts to impose any conditions at variance with or in addition to the terms and conditions contained herein.

If any term or provision of this Contract should be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law, the remaining terms and provisions of this Contract shall be interpreted as if such invalid Contracts or covenants were not contained herein.

**20. CHOICE OF LAW & FORUM**

The state courts of Wisconsin shall be the sole forum for all disputes arising of this contract. The validity, construction, enforcement and effect of this Contract shall be governed solely by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

## **21. TIMING**

Time is of the essence in this Contract.

## **22. CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION**

Contractor certifies that neither Contractor or its principals; its subcontractors or their principals; the sub-recipients (if applicable) or their principals are suspended, debarred, proposed for debarment, voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, or otherwise disqualified by any federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government pursuant to Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. Contractor specifically covenants that neither the Contractor or its principals, its sub-contractors or their principals, or the sub-recipients (if applicable) or their principals are included on the Excluded Parties List System ("EPLS") maintained by the General Services Administration ("GSA").

## **23. FORCE MAJEURE**

MPS will not be liable to pay contractor for any work that the contractor is unable to perform due to act of God, riot, war, civil unrest, flood, earthquake, outbreak of contagious disease or other cause beyond MPS' reasonable control (including any mechanical, electronic, or communications failure, but excluding failure caused by a party's financial condition or negligence).

## **24. STUDENT DATA**

Contractor acknowledges that student data is protected by both federal and state law. *See* Wis. Stat. § 118.125; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b); 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 *et seq.* If MPS determines that Contractor has disclosed any student record information in violation of either federal or state law, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies the MPS may have, MPS shall be entitled to immediately terminate this and every other existing Contract without further liability. Moreover, MPS may bar Contractor from future MPS contracts for varying periods up to and including permanent debarment.

## **25. NON-DISCLOSURE**

Absent prior written consent of the person listed in Section 3 or his/her designee, Contractor shall not: (1) disclose, publish, or disseminate any information, not a matter of public record, that is received by reason of this Contract, regardless of whether the Contractor is or is not under contract at the time of the disclosure; or (2) disclose, publish, or disseminate any information developed for MPS under this Contract. Contractor agrees to take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unauthorized use, disclosure, publication, or dissemination of the same information.

All information and any derivatives thereof, whether created by MPS or Contractor under this Contract remains the property of MPS and no license or other rights to such information is granted or implied hereby. For purposes of this Contract, "derivatives" shall mean: (i) for copyrightable or copyrighted material, any translation, abridgment, revision, or other form in which an existing work may be recast, transformed, or adapted; and (ii) for patentable or patented material, any improvement thereon.

Within ten business days of the earlier of receipt of MPS' written or oral request, or final payment, Contractor will return all documents, records, and copies thereof it obtained during the development of the work product covered by this Contract.

## **26. MPS LOGO/PUBLICITY**

No Contractor shall use the MPS Logo in its literature or issue a press release about the subject of this Contract without prior written notice to and written approval of MPS' Director of Communication and Public Affairs.

## **27. ORDER OF PRIORITY**

Should Contractor and MPS sign Contractor's Contract in addition to this Contract, the terms set forth in this Contract shall govern in the event of a conflict.

## **28. PUBLIC RECORDS**

Both parties understand that the Board is bound by the Wisconsin Public Records Law, and as such, all of the terms of this Contract are subject to and conditioned on the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.21, *et seq.* Contractor acknowledges that it is obligated to assist the Board in retaining and producing records that are subject to Wisconsin Public Records Law, and that the failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and that the Contractor must defend and hold the Board harmless from liability under the law. Except as otherwise authorized, those records shall be maintained for a period of seven years after receipt of final payment under this Contract.

**29. HUB REQUIREMENT**

The HUB requirement on this contract is 100%. Student Employment Hour Commitment is 0 Hours. Student Career Awareness Commitment is 10 Hours per 12 month contract period. Failure to achieve this requirement may result in the application of some or all of the sanctions set forth in Administrative Policy 3.10, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF, the parties here to have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

**CONTRACTOR** (Vendor )

**MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
MJ Care, Inc.  
2448 South 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 340  
Milwaukee, WI 53227

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Noble, Director of Procurement

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: 800-501-9816

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory E. Thornton, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Id or SS

Budget Code: PTS-0-0-SES-DE-ECTS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Bonds, Ph.D., President  
Milwaukee Board of School Directors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: BUDGET CODES THAT ARE NOT LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET CODES, MUST BE APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.

This contract is not enforceable until signed by the Department of Finance. Payment will not be made on any contract not on file in the Department of Finance. A minimum of fifteen business days is required for approval.

Reviewed by Division of Insurance and Risk Management

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and independent contractor status by Department of Finance.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_