

Meeting Date: 7/19/2023 - 6:00 PM

Category: RESEARCH, EVALUATION & REPORTING

Type: Action

Subject: 19.5 Optimum Solutions Corporation World for NYSESLAT Exam Scoring.





District Goals:

Goal 1 Student Achievement
Strengthen academic outcomes and graduation pathways through culturally responsive and sustaining curriculum and instruction.

Goal 4 Support Student Needs
Establish inclusive learning communities that support students with diverse social and emotional needs for equitable student growth and development.

Enclosure:

File Attachment:

-  OSC Optimum Solutions Scoring Services estimate 2023-2024.pdf
-  OSC Performance Based Questionnaire.pdf
-  OCS BOCS Worksheet 2023-2024.xlsx
-  Performance Based Contract Guidelines - Schedule B OSC 2024.xlsx

Rationale: To continuously meet shortened New York State Education Department time lines for the mandated Grades K-12 NYSESLAT program, the use of image scanning and scoring was proposed to create efficiencies in the processing and hand scoring of the NYSESLAT exams. The imaging of student responses was found to reduce: 1. paper flow during scoring eliminating the need for large numbers of clerical personnel; 2. the number of scorers required for scoring; 3. the amount of time required for scoring; 4. Photocopying of scoring training materials. Image scoring also increased student responses and allowed closer monitoring of scorer reliability. Implementation of image scoring will be for an estimated 3200 exams. Optimum Solutions Corporation will be scoring student responses, which will eliminate the need to remove teachers from the classroom for scoring.

Funding: Account: 450.5231.100000.2060.B2300- Contractual Funds
Term: 3/1/2024-6/30/2024
Amount: \$36,829.44

Sponsored By: Dr. Rachel Cole
Executive Director of Research, Evaluation, & Reporting

Resolution WHEREAS the Yonkers Public Schools District wishes to enter into an agreement with Optimum Solutions Corporation for scoring services for grades K-12 State Assessments, and
WHEREAS the Yonkers Public School District has chosen Optimum Solutions Corporation for their experience and expertise in scoring services, and
WHEREAS Optimum Solutions Corporation meets New York State requirements as well as provides superior services for the scoring of large scale assessments, and
WHEREAS the Board of Education wishes to enter into contract for the current school year, and
WHEREAS the District has evaluated past services from the vendor

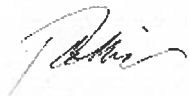
and has determined that Optimum Solutions Corporation has performed in a satisfactory manner,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools enter into contract with Optimum Solutions Corporation for these services at a total cost not to exceed \$36,829.44

Approvals:

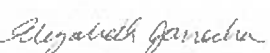
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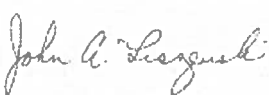
Signed By: 
Dr. Rachel Cole - Executive Director


Signed By: 
Dr. Fenix Arias - Manager of Administration

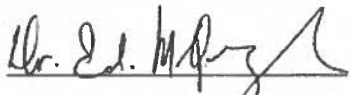
Signed By: 
Tom Collich - Purchasing Director

Signed By: 
Finance Department - Finance Reviewer

Signed By: 
Elizabeth Janocha - Deputy Commissioner

Signed By: 
John Liszewski - Commissioner

Signed By: 
Matthew Gallagher - Corporation Counsel

Signed By: 
Dr. Edwin M. Quezada - Superintendent of Schools

Vote Results:

Original Motion

Member **Gail Burns** Moved, Member **Lawrence Sykes** seconded to approve the **Original** motion 'WHEREAS the Yonkers Public Schools District wishes to enter into an agreement with Optimum Solutions Corporation for scoring services for grades K-12 State Assessments, and

WHEREAS the Yonkers Public School District has chosen Optimum Solutions Corporation for their experience and expertise in scoring services, and

WHEREAS Optimum Solutions Corporation meets New York State requirements as well as provides superior services for the scoring of large scale assessments, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education wishes to enter into contract for the current school year, and

WHEREAS the District has evaluated past services from the vendor and has determined that Optimum Solutions Corporation has performed in a satisfactory manner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools enter into contract with Optimum Solutions Corporation for these services at a total cost not to exceed \$36,829.44'. Upon a Roll-Call Vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7**
Nay: **0**.

The motion **Carried 7 - 0**

Rev. Steve Lopez	Yes
Kevin Cacace	Yes
Dr. John Castanaro	Yes
Gail Burns	Yes
Sheila Greenwald	Yes
Rosemarie Linton	Yes
Lawrence Sykes	Yes



170 Earle Avenue, suite E
 Lynbrook, NY 11563
 Attn: Accounts receivable

Service Bureau Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/8/2023	S23-8388

Bill To:
Yonkers Public Schools 1 Larkin Center Yonkers, NY 10701

Terms	Ship Via	Client Reference	OSC Job#
Due on receipt			

Item	Qty	Description	Rate	Amount
		2023 NYSESLAT		
Scoring/Scan	300	Grade - K	11.52	3,456.00
Scoring/Scan	583	Grade - 1-2	11.52	6,716.16
Scoring/Scan	580	Grade - 3-4	11.52	6,681.60
Scoring/Scan	548	Grade - 5-6	11.52	6,312.96
Scoring/Scan	456	Grade -7-8	11.52	5,253.12
Scoring/Scan	730	Grade - 9-12	11.52	8,409.60

Thank you for your business	Total	\$36,829.44
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Phone #	Fax #	E-mail
516-247-5300	516-247-5301	accounting@oscworld.com

PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT GUIDELINES

1. **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE SERVICE?** (Describe in detail any services to be provided or materials to be purchased) To scan and score mandated Grades K-12 NYSESLAT Assessments.

2. **AMOUNT OF SERVICE?**

(Set forth the monetary value of the proposed agreement and quantities and/or amounts of time required to be devoted to the contract and describe where services are to be provided as specified in Schedule "B") Amount: \$36,829.44/ Term/Duration of Contract: 3/1/2024- 6/30/2024

3. **WHO IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SERVED?**

(Describe whether services are to be provided directly to students, to staff, etc.)
K-12 Students

4. **WHO WILL PROVIDE SERVICES?**

(If individual providers are contemplated, set forth the names and qualifications of the service providers) OSC (Optimum Solutions Corp)

4a. **WILL THE CONTRACTOR BE UTILIZING ANY SUBCONTRACTORS OR VOLUNTEERS IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT? IF YES, PLEASE LIST ALL OF THEIR NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION.** No, OSC employees only

5. **WHAT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO DISTRICT PERSONNEL, PARENTS, OTHERS ABOUT PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF THE SERVICES?**

(How specifically will the contractor report to the School District (or parents, if applicable) about their progress towards achieving the goals of the contract?) Progress will be monitored by the Division of Research, Evaluation and Reporting. Results will be combined with multiple choice results and submitted to NYSED for final scores.

6. **HOW WILL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT JUDGE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES?** (Set forth the method which will be used to evaluate contractor's performance) The Division of Research, Evaluation and Reporting will conduct a 10% audit on all results scored by OSC. The quality of this project will be judged based on the outcome of the audit, the vendor's ability to score all assessments by their agreed upon deadline, and the provision of data files and images.

7. **INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACT.**

Vendor Name: OSC World Corporation

Vendor Address: 170 Earle Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

Vendor Phone No.: 1(800) 227.0672

Vendor Business Status: Corporation

Vendor Contact Name: Clifford Johnsen
Vendor Contact Email: Clifford.Johnsen@oseworld.com
Tax ID No.:1511666


School District Administrator Name: Dr. Rachel Cole
School District Administrator Title: Executive Director of Assessment & Accountability
School District Administrator Phone No.: (914) 376.8234
School District Administrator Email: rcole@yonkerspublicschools.org

8. ARE THE SERVICES PURSUANT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT? IF YES, WHAT IS THE GRANT, AND WHAT ARE THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT? N/A

9. WILL THE CONTRACTOR BE RECEIVING ANY STUDENT DATA OR OTHER DATA FROM YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS? IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE. IF STUDENT DATA IS BEING SHARED, PLEASE PROCEED TO QUESTION 10 BELOW. Yes, the contractor will be receiving and scoring our students' assessment responses for the NYSESLAT. As part of the scoring process, the contractor will be provided our students' names, ID numbers, schools, and grade levels.

10. WILL THE STUDENT DATA BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING, VALIDATING, ADMINISTERING STUDENT AID PROGRAMS, OR IMPROVING INSTRUCTION? IF YES, PLEASE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE. The scored assessment results will be used by Yonkers Public Schools to validate and improve the instructional services our ELL students receive.

Performance Based Guidelines
Reviewed and approved by:



(Signature of School District administrator/employee)

RACHEL COLE

(Printed Name)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW CONTRACTS	
Vendor Name:	Optimum Solutions Corp. (OSC World)
Term/Duration of Contract:	3/1/2024-6/30/2024
Amount of Contract:	\$36,829.44
Account: (general fund, grant, capital)	450.5231.100000.20600.B2300-Contracual Funds
Scope/Services:	time lines for the mandated Grades K-12 NYSESLAT program, the use of image scanning and scoring was proposed to create efficiencies in the processing and hand scoring of the NYSESLAT exams. The imaging of student responses was found to reduce: 1. paper flow during scoring eliminating the need for large numbers of clerical personnel; 2. the number of scorers required for scoring; 3. the amount of time required for scoring; 4. Photocopying of scoring training materials. Image scoring also increased student responses and allowed closer monitoring of scorer reliability. Implementation of image scoring will be for an estimated 3500 exams. OSC World will be scoring student responses, which will eliminate the need to
Form of Procurement Undertaken: (GML 103-competitive sealed bidding; GML 104b-not subject to competitive sealed bidding)	GML 104B
Manager and Department Requesting Services:	Dr. Rachel Cole(Executive Director of Research, Accountability, & Reporting)
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS	
Contract No. / Vendor Name:	
Original Term of Contract:	
Original Amount of Contract & Date of BOE/BOCS Approval:	
Scope:	
Details of Previous Amendments:	
Details of New Amendment:	
Account:(general fund, grant, capital)	
Form of procurement:(GML 103-GML 104b)	
Manager and Department Requesting Services:	

**PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACT GUIDELINES
SCHEDULE B**

Consultant:	Optimum Solutions Corp. OSC				
Contract Dates:	3/1/2024-6/30/2024				
Federal ID:	15-11666				
Consultant's					
Description of Services	School/Site	Daily Rate	Number of Days	Hours/Day	Amount
Optimum Solutions Corporation will be scoring NYSESLAT student responses, which will eliminate the need to remove teachers from the	Districtwide	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$36,829.44
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