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July 1, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Nicole Westmoreland, MBA, Purchasing Agent *NW*

SUBJECT: Defined STEM Purchase
Defined Learning

Office for Teaching and Learning is requesting to place purchase orders to Defined Learning not to exceed \$94,000 using middle school STEM grant and general funds. Defined Learning tools assists teachers to bring integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematic (STEM) to life for students in the classrooms. Please see the attached memo from Vanessa Hilton, Director, Office for Teaching and Learning Director, for further information.

Under the Department of Education Rule 6A-1.012(11) (b), the requesting of bids from three (3) or more sources is waived for the purchase of educational tests, textbooks, printed instructional materials where such materials are purchased directly from the producer or publisher, the owner of the copyright, and exclusive agent within the state, a governmental agency or a recognized educational institution. Defined STEM is the author, producer, and copyright holder for these materials (see attached).

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Vanessa Hilton or Debra Reaves, Purchasing Services, at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments

Date/Time: June 24, 2014 09:15:00

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Memorandum
OTL-DIR-14-011

DATE: July 1, 2014

TO: Nicole Westmoreland, Purchasing Agent

FROM: Vanessa Hilton, Director, Office for Teaching and Learning *VH*

SUBJECT: **Defined STEM Purchase Request**

History

The Office for Teaching and Learning has been supporting schools with professional learning, as well as tools and resources, to connect learning experiences across the day integrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). As this is a new initiative for our district, the planning of STEM lessons for students has led to the constant development of resources and tools to support teachers as they bring these learning experiences to life for students in their classrooms.

Description

The curriculum available from Defined STEM combines a unique set of real world themed resources. The Florida standards-aligned performance tasks, literacy tasks, real world video and applications will enable students to experience the necessary rigor and relevance required through an abundance of thematic opportunities.

Action Requested

Approval is respectfully requested to allow purchase orders to be processed for Defined STEM in an amount not to exceed \$94,000 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The Office for Teaching and Learning will make purchases with funding provided through middle school STEM grant and general revenue funds.

cc: Amelia Van Name Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Operations
Beth Brown, Learning Community Executive Director
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June 16, 2014

Julie Postoskie
Pasco County School District

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that Defined Learning is the sole producer, publisher and copywrite holder of the Defined STEM Performance Tasks bundle, which includes the following resources:

Defined STEM web resource
Defined STEM on-line professional development resource
Defined STEM days of training
Defined STEM implementation service

The above stated Defined STEM bundle cannot be purchased from any other source. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at 224-220-3595 ext. 200.

Sincerely,

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