

Hidalgo County Head Start Program Policy Council Agenda

DATE: February 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Discussion/Approval on Request to Purchase Instructional/Teaching Materials Through the Hidalgo County's Membership / Participation with Texas Association School Board (TASB) Buyboard's Awarded Vendors Hatch, Inc., Contract #328-09

RATIONALE/NEED: This contract would allow the purchasing of the lowest and best pre-bided prices on instructional/teaching materials under the Buy Board program. This item incorporates fundamental skills and strategies into hands-on activities with a software program designed for three and four year old children. This will be furnished to the classrooms which do not yet have the program.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval.

COST: Budget: Classroom Supplies - \$38,186.82

RELATED INFORMATION INCLUDED: Memo/Proposal

INITIATED BY: Ambrosio Tovar, Procurement Director

REVIEWED BY: Mr. Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Director

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: *Zeresse Flores*

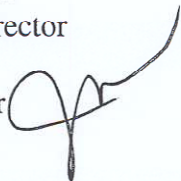


Hidalgo County Head Start Program

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Date: February 9, 2010

To: Mrs. Teresa Flores, Executive Director
Mrs. Nora Muñoz Assistant Program Director
Mr. Edmundo Garcia, Assistant Program Director

From: Mrs. Janie Navarro, Area Education Director 

Subject: Curriculum Purchase Proposal: Journeys

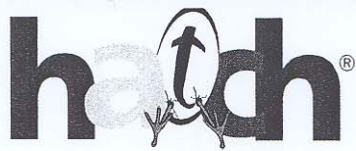
Presently, Hidalgo County Head Start Program utilizes Journeys Into Early Literacy as one of the resources to supplement our curriculum. Journeys into Early Literacy incorporates fundamental skills and strategies into hands-on activities with a software program designed for three and four year old children. Initially, this program was purchased for the classrooms that were instructing four year old children. As the program has grown and evolved, it has become necessary to furnish this resource to all the classrooms, which include mixed-aged classrooms (3 and 4 year olds) and classrooms for the three year old.

A recent inventory shows that we need 67 additional sets. This includes the additional 7 new classrooms that were recently added.

67 Kits @ 599.95 =	\$40,196.65
Freight	Free
Discount	- 2,009.83
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Total	\$38,186.82

If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

“Make it a Great Head Start Day”



Journeys into EARLY LITERACY®

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- Teacher Manual with 162 activity cards, 99 activity masters and 31 family connection letters in English and Spanish
- Upper and Lowercase Magnetic Letters
- Upper and Lowercase Stamp Letters
- Dough and Alphabet Dough Cutters
- Magnetic Write/Wipe Boards (2)
- Wild About Animals book (6)
- Washable Stamp and Pad
- Transparent Color Counters
- Uppercase Sponge Letters
- Picture Word Cards (49)
- Sentence Strips (100)
- Puppet Patterns (16)
- Plastic Letter Cubes
- Jack and Jill Poster
- Dry Erase Markers
- Song Charts (3)
- Big Books (7)
- Pocket Chart
- Wikki Stix
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Journeys into Early Literacy Includes:

1 CD-ROM - Mac/Win, 1 Audio CD, comprehensive teacher manual and all print and manipulative materials.

* Journeys into Early Literacy incorporates fundamental skills and strategies into on-screen and hands-on activities that are fun and engaging for young children.

Price per unit (Item No. 680000)	\$ 599.95
Number of units requested	67
Subtotal for units	\$ 40,196.65
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*Discount (5%)	\$ (2,009.83)
*Freight 15%	FREE
Total Price*	\$ 38,186.82

*5% discount and FREE freight per TX Buy Board
Contract # 328-09*

Do you have more than one computer in your classroom?

Journeys CD Add-On 1-pk \$69.99
Journeys CD Add-On 2-pk \$139.99
Journeys CD Add-On 5-pk \$299.95

Minimum System Requirements

Windows: Win 95,98, ME, NT4.0 Service Pack 6, Win 2000 with Service Pack 2, XP Home, XP Professional, PIII or better, 64 MB RAM (128MB for Win2000 or XP), 175 MB hard disk space for full install, 800X600 Hi Color 16-bit (thousands of colors), Internet Explorer 5.5, 6.0/Netscape 4.7.7,6.2.1, 8x CD-ROM Drive, SoundBlaster 16 or compatible with Headphones, Macromedia Flash version 6, JVM/MRJ (version 1.0 or higher) enabled in browser.

Macintosh: Mac OS 8.6 to 9.2.x and OS X 10.1.x, GS or better, 64 MB RAM (Virtual Memory on), 175 MB hard disk space for full install, 800 x 600 Hi Color 16-bit (thousands of colors), Internet explorer 5.1/Netscape 4.7.7, 6.2.1. Memory Allocation 20MB minimum, 8x CD-ROM drive, Standard Macintosh Sound with headphones, Macromedia Flash version 6, JVM/MRJ (version 2.2.5) enabled in browser.

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