

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Board Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Contract Number and Title:	26-DS-010 Institutes of Higher Education Partnerships

Procurement Type:	Request for Qualifications (RFQu)
# of Responses Received	4

Term:	Current – June 30, 2028
Renewals:	Subject to biennial review; renewable for successive two-year terms, pending the district's needs

Estimated Value of Contract	Over \$100,000
Funding Source:	Tuition reimbursement will be funded by Operating Funds; however, when appropriate, grant funds may be used.
Department:	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment – Teacher Preparation and Professional Development

Description:

- The partnerships support Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) employees pursuing education degrees and Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) certification requirements, with a focus on the district's critical need areas.
- The contracts are available to conditionally certified teachers and other staff seeking initial certification, additional certification, or advanced degrees in education or related fields approved by HCPS.
- The partnerships establish a structured process for eligible employees to apply, enroll in approved coursework, and receive HCPS tuition reimbursement.
- A Request for Qualifications (RFQu) was issued March 6, 2026, yielding four (4) submittals. Proposals were evaluated and scored by the consensus committee to ensure the established criteria were met.
- This is an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract.
- The total annual expenditure will depend on the needs of the district, and funding availability and is expected to exceed \$100,000.
- Purchases made utilizing this contract will be within approved budget limits.

Recommended Award To:

Goucher College	Towson, MD
Notre Dame of Maryland University	Baltimore, MD
University of Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ