

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT USE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR READING INSTRUCTION

Board Meeting Date:	February 26, 2024
Contract Number and Title:	N/A

Procurement Type:	Single Source
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Term:	Current – June 30, 2024
Renewals:	No renewals

Estimated Value of Contract	Over \$100,000
Funding Source:	Most purchases will be funded by grant funds; however, when appropriate, operating funds may be used
Department:	Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and the Department of Special Education

Description:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This contract provides professional development to teachers in the Orton Gillingham Plus System of reading instruction and Tier III intervention programs which align to our delivery of multi-tiered levels of support.• This is a highly structured approach that breaks down reading and spelling into smaller skills involving letters and sounds, and then builds on these skills over time.• The instruction and principles of the Orton Gillingham Plus System align clearly with the Science of Reading.• Bowman’s Orton Gillingham Plus trains educators in multisensory structured literacy and is an International Dyslexia Associated accredited program.• The Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (Reading, English, and Language Arts) as well as the Department of Special Education utilize this contract.• The total annual expenditure will depend on the needs of the various departments, and funding availability and is expected to exceed \$100,000.• Purchases made utilizing this contract will be within approved budget limits.• The Orton Gillingham System is a copyrighted program. Only approved trainers have access to the system, making this a single source procurement.

Recommended Award To:

Bowman Educational Services, Inc.	Cumberland, MD
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