

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS CONTRACT FOR PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (hereinafter "Contract") is entered into between the JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (hereinafter "Board"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with its principal place of business at 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218 and Solution Tree Inc, Marzano Resources LLC (hereinafter "Contractor"), with its principal place of business at 555 North Morton Street Bloomington IN, 47404.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to procure the particular services of Contractor, which are more fully defined below; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has held itself out to be competent and capable of performing the services contracted for herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Board and Contractor (hereinafter "Parties") agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Entire Agreement; Amendments

This Contract is the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all agreements, representations and negotiations, either oral or written, between the Parties before the effective date of this Contract. This Contract may not be amended or modified except in writing as provided in Article VIII. This Contract is supplemented by the Board's Procurement Regulations currently in effect (hereinafter "Regulations") that are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Contract and any provisions of the Regulations, the Regulations shall prevail.

ARTICLE II

Services

Contractor agrees to perform the following services (hereinafter "Services") of a quality and in a manner that is within the highest standards of Contractor's profession or business. The Services are as follows:

Contractor shall provide professional learning coaching, consultant sessions and training to the educators within the Archdiocese of Louisville. Contractor shall follow the grant stipulations for the use of Title II funds that are allocated by the federal government to the private non-public schools' students managed by JCPS Fiscal Coordinator. At all times during the term of this contract, Contractor will be independent of the Archdiocese of Louisville and of any other religious organization in the provision of the services.

Notwithstanding Article XII, the Board acknowledges that the Contractor owns the copyrights to all tangible or electronic presentation materials, handouts, and/or program books ("materials") used in conjunction with the services performed under this contract. Contractor shall retain all copyrights owned prior to entering this contract, and the Board may not reproduce any materials not designated reproducible with the express written permission of the Contractor. The Board shall not record (on audio or video) the consultant's presentation during a visit. In the event that the Board determines that it is impractical or impossible for in-person services to occur, the Contractor may provide these services remotely using video conferencing technology as necessary.

ARTICLE III Compensation

The Board shall pay Contractor the total amount stated below (hereinafter "Contract Amount"). The Contract Amount shall be paid in a lump sum upon completion of the Services, unless a schedule of progress payments is stated below. The Contract Amount shall be for total performance of this Contract and includes all fees, costs and expenses incurred by Contractor including but not limited to labor, materials, taxes, profit, overhead, travel, insurance, subcontractor costs and other costs, unless otherwise stated below. To receive payment, Contractor must submit an itemized invoice or invoices. If progress payments are authorized, each invoice must specify the actual work performed. If payment of costs or expenses is authorized, receipts must be attached to the invoice.

Contract Amount:	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
Progress Payments (if not applicable, insert N/A):	Within 30 days of approved invoice for services provided.
Costs/Expenses (if not applicable insert N/A):	N/A
Fund Source:	Title II - 9872027-0322-401LP

ARTICLE IV Term of Contract

Contractor shall begin performance of the Services on July 30, 2025 and shall complete the Services no later than June 30, 2026, unless this Contract is modified as provided in Article VIII.

ARTICLE V Performance of Services by Contractor

The Services shall be performed by Contractor, and in no event shall Contractor subcontract with any other person to aid in the completion of the Services without the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator defined below.

Contractor shall appoint one person who shall be responsible for reporting to the Board on all Services performed under the terms of this Contract and who shall be available for consultation with the Contract Administrator.

Contractor is an independent contractor, not an employee. Contractor is responsible for the payment of all federal, state and local payroll taxes and providing unemployment insurance and workers

compensation coverage to Contractor's employees. Contractor shall provide all equipment, materials and supplies necessary for the performance of the Services.

Contractor shall at all times during the term of this Contract comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies. Contractor shall obtain and keep in force all licenses, permits and certificates necessary for the performance of the Services.

Contractor agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Board and its members, agents, and employees from any and all claims or losses accruing or resulting from injury, damage, or death of any person, firm, or corporation, including the Contractor himself, in connection with the performance of this Contract. Contractor also agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Board and its members, agents, and employees from any and all claims or losses incurred by any supplier, contractor, or subcontractor furnishing work, services, or materials to Contractor in connection with the performance of this Contract. This provision survives termination of this Contract.

Unless waived in writing by the Contract Administrator, Contractor shall maintain during the term of this Contract policies of primary insurance covering the following risks and in at least the following amounts: commercial general liability, including bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, products and completed operations, and contractual, \$1,000,000; and automobile liability, \$1,000,000. Contractor shall furnish to the Contract Administrator certificates of insurance evidencing this coverage and naming the Board as an additional insured. Additionally, Contractor shall maintain workers compensation coverage with limits required by law; and professional errors and omissions coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000. Contractor shall furnish certificates of insurance evidencing this coverage to the Contract Administrator.

ARTICLE VI Equal Opportunity

During the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees that Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant or subcontractor because of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital or parental status, political affiliations or beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetic information, disability, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. If the Contract Amount is paid from federal funds, this Contract is subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and in such event the Equal Opportunity Clause set forth in 41 Code of Federal Regulations 60-1.4 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract as if set forth in full herein.

ARTICLE VII Prohibition of Conflicts of Interest

It shall be a breach of this Contract for Contractor to commit any act which is a violation of the provisions of Article XI of the Regulations entitled "Ethics and Standards of Conduct," or to assist or participate in or knowingly benefit from any act by any employee of the Board which is a violation of such provisions.

ARTICLE VIII Changes

The Board and Contractor may at any time, by mutual agreement set forth in a written addendum, make changes in the definition of the Services; the scope of the Services; and the Contract

Amount. The Contract Administrator and Contractor may, at any time, by mutual agreement set forth in a written addendum, make changes in the time within which the Services are to be performed; the schedule of Progress Payments; and mutual Termination of the Contract.

ARTICLE IX Termination for Convenience of the Board

The Board may terminate this Contract in whole or in part at any time by giving written notice to Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the specified effective date. The Board shall compensate Contractor for Services satisfactorily performed through the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE X Termination for Default

The Board may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if Contractor breaches any provision of this Contract, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Contract, and in either of these circumstances, does not cure the breach or failure within a period of five (5) days after receipt of notice specifying the breach or failure. In the event of termination for default, the Board may secure the required services from another contractor. If the cost to the Board exceeds the cost of obtaining the Services under this Contract, Contractor shall pay the additional cost. The rights and remedies of the Board provided in this Article shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

ARTICLE XI Disputes

Any differences or disagreements arising between the Parties concerning the rights or liabilities under this Contract, or any modifying instrument entered into under Article VIII of this Contract, shall be resolved through the procedures set out in the Regulations.

ARTICLE XII Contractor's Work Product

Unless waived in writing by the Contract Administrator, the Board shall retain ownership in and the rights to any reports, research data, creative works, designs, recordings, graphical representations or other works of a similar nature (hereinafter "Works") produced or delivered by Contractor under this Contract. Contractor agrees that the Works are "works for hire" and Contractor assigns all right, title and interest in the Works to the Board.

Any reports, information, data, etc. given to or prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Contract shall not be made available to any individual or organization by Contractor without the prior written approval of the Board. Provided, nothing in this Article may be used to violate the provisions of any Kentucky or Federal statute or regulation which requires reporting of information.

ARTICLE XIII Contract Administrator

The Board shall appoint a Contract Administrator for the purposes of daily administrative decision-making pertaining to the Contract. If Contractor and the Contract Administrator disagree on any circumstance or set of facts pertaining to the administration or execution of this Contract, the Board shall

resolve the matter after notification by either the Contract Administrator or the Contractor in the manner prescribed by the Regulations. If the Board fails to give notice to Contractor of the appointment of a Contract Administrator, the Contract Administrator shall be the Board's Chief Financial Officer.

ARTICLE XIV Right to Audit

The Board shall have the right to inspect and audit all accounting reports, books or records which concern the performance of the Services. Inspection shall take place during normal business hours at Contractor's place of business. Contractor shall retain all records relating to the performance of this Contract for five (5) years after the end of the term of this Contract.

ARTICLE XV Miscellaneous

- A. All Articles shall be construed as read, and no limitation shall be placed on any Article by virtue of its descriptive heading.
- B. Any notices or reports by one Party to the other Party under this Contract shall be made in writing, to the address shown in the first paragraph of this Contract, or to such other address as may be designated in writing by one Party to the other. Notices shall be effective when received if personally delivered, or three days after mailing if mailed.
- C. If any part of this Contract is held to be void, against public policy or illegal, the balance of this Contract shall continue to be valid and binding.
- D. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- E. No delay or omission by either Party in exercising any right under this Contract shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right or prevent a similar subsequent act from constituting a violation of this Contract.
- F. At all times during the term of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. If Contractor has access to student records, Contractor shall limit its employees' access to those records to persons for whom access is essential to perform this Contract.
- G. If this Contract requires Contractor and/or any employees of Contractor access to school grounds on a regularly scheduled and continuing basis for the purpose of providing services directly to a student or students, all individuals performing such services under this Contract are required to submit per KRS 160.380 to a national and state criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have a letter, provided by the individual, from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services stating no administrative findings of child abuse or neglect found through a background check of child abuse and neglect records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- H. Contractor shall be in continuous compliance with the provisions of KRS Chapters 136, 139, 141, 337, 338, 341 and 342 that apply to the Contractor or subcontractor for the duration of this Contract and shall reveal any final determination of a violation by the Contractor or subcontractor of the preceding KRS Chapters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Contract to be effective as of July 30, 2025.

Contractor's Social Security Number or Federal Tax ID Number:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION

By: _____

Title: Dr. H. Brian Yearwood
Superintendent

Solution Tree, Inc
CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Title: Ali Cummins
Director Professional Development

Cabinet Member: Dr. Terra Greenwell

(Initials)

Jefferson County Public Schools
**NONCOMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION
DETERMINATION AND FINDING**

1. An emergency exists which will cause public harm as a result of the delay in competitive procedures (Only the Superintendent shall declare an emergency.) —

State the date the emergency was declared by the superintendent: _____

2. There is a single source for the items within a reasonable geographic area —

Explain why the vendor is a single source: _____

3. The contract is for the services of a licensed professional, education specialist, technician, or an artist —

State the type of service: Education specialists

4. The contract is for the purchase of perishable items purchased on a weekly or more frequent basis —

State the item(s): _____

5. The contract is for proprietary item(s) for resale: This can include the buying or selling of item(s) by students when it is part of the educational experience —

State the type(s) of item(s): _____

6. The contract is for replacement parts when the need cannot be reasonably anticipated and stockpiling is not feasible —

State the item(s): _____

7. The contract or purchase is for expenditures made on authorized trips outside the boundaries of Jefferson County Public Schools —

State the location: _____

8. The contract is for a sale of supplies at reduced prices that will afford Jefferson County Public Schools a savings (Purchase must be approved by Director of Purchasing) —

Explain the logic: _____

9. The contract is for the purchase of supplies which are sold at public auction or by receiving sealed bids —

State the items: _____

I have determined that, pursuant to K.R.S. 45A. 380, the above item(s) should be obtained by the Noncompetitive Negotiation Methods since competition is not feasible.

Mary Parola

Print name of person making Determination

Mary Parola

Digitally signed by Mary Parola
Date: 2025.05.09 15:57:32 -04'00'

Signature of person making Determination

Archdiocese of Louisville

School or Department

5/9/25

Date

Name of Contractor (Contractor Signature Not Required)

Requisition Number

Explanation of Noncompetitive Negotiation Methods can be found under K.R.S. 45A.380 and on page 15 in the Procurement Regulations

**Solution Tree, Inc.
Purchase Agreement**

Effective July 22, 2025, Solution Tree, Inc. ("Solution Tree") located at 555 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404 and Archdiocese of Louisville ("Customer") located at PO Box 1073 Louisville, KY US 40201 agree as follows:

1. **Summary of Products and Services:** Customer will purchase the following Solution Tree products and services ("Products"). Additional Products may be added in a mutually agreed upon written Addendum.

Products and Services	Total
Professional Development	\$125,000.00
Total	\$125,000.00

2. **Payment Terms:** Customer will provide Solution Tree with a purchase order made out to Solution Tree, 555 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404, for the full amount due under this Agreement upon execution of this Agreement (the "Purchase Order Due Date"). The total includes any travel, lodging, and incidental expenses incurred by Solution Tree. All payments are due net 30 days from the actual date of invoice. All past due invoices are subject to a finance charge of 1.5% monthly. Solution Tree will invoice Customer off of the purchase order based on the following schedule:

Description	Payment	Expected Invoice Date
20% Deposit (non-refundable)	\$ 0.00	Waived
Professional Development	\$125,000.00	Incrementally after each date

3. **Professional Development**

- 3.1. **Description of Services:** Solution Tree will provide a speaker ("Associate") to perform the professional development services described in Exhibit A.
- 3.2. **Presentation Materials:** Customer will reproduce any handouts and other print materials related to the services and will notify the Associate directly of any deadlines for reproduction.
- 3.3. **Venue and Audio/Visual Equipment:** Customer will provide a venue, audio/video equipment, and technical support for all sessions in accordance with the technology requirements described in Exhibit B. Solution Tree may terminate this Agreement if Customer's equipment is not up to the required standard by 30 days prior to the start of the services. If Customer's equipment fails during the services, Customer will still be liable for the full amount.

4. **General Terms**

- 4.1. **Intellectual Property:** Customer acknowledges that Solution Tree or Associate owns the copyrights to all tangible or electronic presentation materials, handouts, and/or program books used in conjunction with services performed under this Agreement and that no materials will be developed specifically for Customer. Solution Tree will retain all copyrights owned prior to

entering this Agreement, and Customer may not reproduce any materials not designated reproducible without the express written permission of Solution Tree. All audio, video, and digital recording of the services by Customer is prohibited.

4.2. Force Majeure: If an event beyond the parties' control makes performance impossible, illegal, or commercially impracticable (a "Force Majeure Event"), the parties will proceed as follows:

- a. If a Force Majeure Event prevents services from occurring onsite, the parties will arrange for the affected services to be delivered virtually on the scheduled dates.
- b. If a Force Majeure Event prevents services from occurring as scheduled, the parties will use best efforts to reschedule or make substitutions for affected services or products.
- c. If a Force Majeure Event prevents performance entirely, neither party will have any further liability to the other party for the prevented performance.
- d. All obligations unaffected by a Force Majeure Event will remain in place.

4.3. Termination: Solution Tree may terminate this Agreement if Solution Tree has not received a purchase order by the Purchase Order Due Date.

- a. **Professional Development:** If Customer cancels any Professional Development Services within 90 days of the scheduled date for any reason but Force Majeure, Customer will reimburse Solution Tree for any reasonable business expenses incurred in anticipation of performance of this Agreement that exceed the amount of the deposit. If events beyond the parties' control make performance on the scheduled dates impossible, the parties will use best efforts to reschedule the Professional Development Services.

4.4. Entire Agreement: This Agreement and any exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersede any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. No waiver or modification of any of the terms of the Agreement will be effective unless made in writing and signed by both parties, and the unenforceability, invalidity, or illegality of any provision of this Agreement will not render the other provisions unenforceable, invalid, or illegal. Any waiver by either party of any default or breach hereunder will not constitute a waiver of any provision of this Agreement or of any subsequent default or breach of the same or a different kind.

This Agreement is acknowledged and accepted by Customer and Solution Tree:

Amy Nall
Superintendent
Archdiocese of Louisville

Date

Date

Solution Tree, Inc.

Exhibit A**Description of Professional Development Services****SERVICE 1: Customized Workshops****Dates:** TBD**Proposed Associate:** TBD**Estimated Number of Participants:** TBD**Participant Demographics:** TBD**Proposed Start Time:** TBD**Proposed End Time:** TBD**Workshop Location:** Onsite or virtual**Cost of Service:** \$125,000.00
(per day price dependent on associate)**Description of Service:**

The associate will work with school or district leadership to customize these sessions based on the participants' current reality. Each day will build on previous trainings and strategies provided.

Onsite days may occur virtually. Virtual days are up to 6 hours of support. Virtual pricing will apply to all onsite days delivered virtually.

Exhibit B

Technical Requirements for Virtual Professional Development

If any of the requirements below are not available, please contact your PD Representative immediately.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS	PC/Windows	Macintosh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 2003 Server, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or above Internet Explorer 8 or above, OR Firefox 4 or above, OR Chrome 5 or above Intel or AMD processor (2.4 GHz or More) At least 2 GB RAM 700 Kbps or more for simultaneous screen sharing, video, and audio conferencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mac OS X 10.6 or above Safari 3 or above, OR Firefox 4 or above, OR Chrome 5 or above 2.4 GHz Intel processor (Core 2 Duo) At least 1 GB RAM 700 Kbps or more for simultaneous screen sharing, video and audio conferencing
VIDEO/AUDIO REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A sound card installed in your computer Microphone and speakers connected to your computer or a telephone with conference-call capabilities Web camera at one viewing site 	
SITE REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard line Internet connection Projector, monitor, or whiteboard to view the IWC session Suggested: Tech contact in attendance and available for troubleshooting at time of web conference 	