

PURCHASING EXCEPTIONS

Attached is a summary report of purchase orders (POs) greater than \$50,000 issued in February 2024 without soliciting competitive bids. POs are summarized in the following categories:

- A. Scientific Judgment
- B. Executive Officer Waiver of Bid for professional service contracts
- C. Emergency Requirement (insufficient time to complete a bid process)
- D. Compatibility with previously purchased equipment or services
- E. Partnerships/Sponsors
- F. Other (see explanation)

All requests for bid waivers were evaluated and approved by University policies.

Report Overview

The report has just 13 entries at a value of just under \$3.3 million.

There are no items based on scientific judgment and none based on Professional Services. There was just 1 Urgent / Emergency PO for this reporting period, with a value of just under \$90k.

The compatibility section has 6 POs for a total of just over \$1.0 million. University Affiliates is the next section, and there is 1 POs for a total of just under \$1.26 million to Wayne Health. The last section for this report, General Purchasing exceptions, has 5 POs for just over \$900k.

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No	PO NUMBER VENDOR / PRICE FUNDING SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	Approved by
	A. SCIENTIFIC JUDGMENT (S03, S04)		
0	0 / \$ 0.00		
	B. EXECUTIVE OFFICER WAIVER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (S23)		
	0 / \$ 0.00		
	C. URGENT OR EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT (S06)		
1	P1084629 JMD Building Restoration LLC \$ 89,604.91 Plant Funds - FP+M Office of Assoc VP	Basis: Urgent or Emergency Construction Services Roof repairs for Facilities Planning & Management (FP&M) from JMD Building Restoration. The Old Main roof had extensive roof damage due to high winds which caused the metal cupola and masonry walls to require restorative repairs. The wind damage caused the metal roofing to detach creating a hazardous situation for the public, students, faculty, etc. This unsafe condition was therefore an emergency repair. FP&M contacted other companies to perform the work, but they did not have the high reaching lift equipment required for the repair. JMD Building Restoration had access to a 185 ft articulating boom lift needed to reach the piece of metal hanging from the top of the spire on the building. Previous POs: P1083206 - 02/07/2024 - \$10,630 P1081288 - 01/18/2024 - \$16,350 P1079320 - 12/20/2023 - \$14,850 P1078666 - 12/15/2023 - \$28,850 P1044271 - 01/26/2023 - \$153,250	Robert Davenport, AVP for Facilities Planning & Management, approved by Miriam Dixon
	1 / \$ 89,604.91		
	D. COMPATIBILITY WITH PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES		

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2	P1085545 Alliancenet \$ 54,050.00 Grant Funds - Psychiatry	<p data-bbox="655 276 1491 300">Basis: Recommended Source for Specialized Professional Services</p> <p data-bbox="655 305 1732 397">Continuation of the development of a pilot program to implement Critical Incident Stress Management standard operating procedures (SOP) for Emergency Medicine from Alliancenet dba Incident Management Team (IMT).</p> <p data-bbox="655 422 1774 511">The SOP will be for seven identified police, fire, Dispatch, EMS, and Corrections departments in the state of Michigan. IMT will develop a standard operating procedure to educate and train peer support teams across the state and develop five custom training courses for each department.</p> <p data-bbox="655 535 1774 682">This is a pilot program which was advocated by the police and firefighters' unions who are stakeholders in the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Front-line Strong Together grant program. WSU is working with the Michigan Crisis Response Association to provide the initial trainings which will certify first responders under the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.</p> <p data-bbox="655 706 1774 860">The current staff of psychologists, therapists, and psychiatrists do not have extensive experience working with first responders or with critical incidents. This partnership will educate the staff to provide oversight to the registered peer teams in Michigan and to possibly develop training in the future. IMT has 30 years' experience working with first responder peer teams and has been present at dozens of critical incidents each year.</p> <p data-bbox="655 885 1039 974">Previous PO: P1045675 - 02/2023 - \$78,726.00 P0994669 - 09/2021 - \$78,726.00</p>	Jennifer Beebe-Dimmer, PhD, Professor for Oncolog at the School of Medicine, approved by Miriam Dixon

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3	P1084477 Balco Interiors \$ 89,337.35 Plant Funds - FP+M Office of Assoc VP	<p>Basis: Compatible with Existing Campus wide furnishings Furniture for Facilities Planning and Management from Balco Interiors, dba Interior Environments.</p> <p>FPM is purchasing furniture for the new Gretchen Valade Jazz Center. The furniture consists of desks, chairs, and lounge furniture for the lobby, offices, dressing rooms, and green room. This furniture order will be compatible with the order placed in 2022 during phase one of the building's construction.</p> <p>Balco/IE has been the University's preferred furniture since 2012. Currently, FPM is working to develop a scope of work for a new furniture contract. FPM has worked with IE for many years and found their quality of furniture to be excellent. They offer great service in a timely manner.</p> <p>Previous POs: P1077622 - 12/08/2023 - \$11,554.56 P1075712 - 11/20/2023 - \$24,861.89 P1075485 - 11/16/2023 - \$26,690.87 P1074769 - 11/09/2023 - \$18,352.05 P1070066 - 09/29/2023 - \$66,056.65 P1036645 - 11/02/2022 - \$41,038.00</p>	Robert Davenport, AVP for Facilities Planning & Management, approved by Miriam Dixon

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4	P1083671 Darkhorse Visualization LP \$ 250,000.00 Federal Grant Funds - VP Research	<p>Basis: Continuation of Specialized Services with Recommended Source Continuing Information Technology (IT) support for the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) from DarkHorse Visualization LP.</p> <p>DarkHorse provides data visualization IT support to enhance the PHOENIX Interactive Map Tool found on phoenix.wayne.edu. Darkhorse is the original developer of the tool and knows how to optimize it through modifications and maintenance.</p> <p>As the PHOENIX program grows, the University requires additional technical support from Darkhorse to optimize the PHOENIX data visualization tool. Darkhorse will be adding features that will be useful for public health programing. Darkhorse developed the current tool with the support of the PHOENIX team. However, it is the goal of the University to have WSU staff learn how to maintain the tool. Currently, WSU staff is still unable to develop the features as laid out in the scope of work.</p> <p>Previous POs: P1065995 - 08/25/2023 - \$250,000.00 P1050963 - 04/02/2023 - \$250,000.00 P1038847 - 11/23/2022 - \$202,200.00 P1032905 - 09/30/2022 - \$250,000.00 P1032482 - 09/28/2022 - \$29,750.00 P1028912 - 08/24/2022 - \$43,049.67 P1014102 - 03/31/2022 - \$197,500.00 P1008546 - 02/03/2022 - \$25,000.06</p>	Phillip Levy - Assistant Vice President for Research, approved by Kenneth Doherty
5	P1085322 Labster Inc. \$ 54,657.00 General Funds - Learning Resource Center	<p>Basis: Compatible with and Continuation of Specialized Services Virtual reality software for the College of Nursing from Labster, formally UbiSim.</p> <p>The Simulation Lab has been using the virtual reality software for the past three years. This software subscription has ended and must be renewed to continue supporting the interprofessional education in the College of Nursing. The software will be renewed for a three-year period (2024 - 2026). UbiSim software is the only virtual reality software created exclusively for use in Nursing education.</p> <p>Initially, Macomb County provided grant funding for transition to on-line delivery; however, that was with the original usage for 2020 thru 2023, which has recently expired.</p> <p>Previous PO: P0972532 - 12/21/2020 - \$54,600.00</p>	Ramona Benkert, Acting Dean for the College of Nursing, approved by Miriam Dixon

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6	P1085748 UWorld LLC \$ 142,290.00 General Funds - Med Academic+Student Programs Admin	<p>Basis: Continuation of Specialized Services Question bank subscription for 310 students in the School of Medicine from USMLE World, dba UWorld LLC.</p> <p>Various UWorld products are used to prepare first and second year medical student for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) examinations using notes, customizable exams, performance goals, and flashcards.</p> <p>There are no other known sources to match the existing USMLE student resource materials that are currently being used by Wayne State University School of Medicine. The School purchases other resources from USMLE World, such as course books and step-prep.</p> <p>Previous POs: P1085748 - 02/28/2024 - \$142,290.00 P1048792 - 03/09/2023 - \$426,870.00 P1011145 - 03/01/2022 - \$284,580.00 P0981244 - 04/09/2021 - \$284,580.00 P0952353 - 03/31/2020 - \$275,400.00 P0880268 - 09/21/2018 - \$257,400.00 P0875075 - 08/15/2018 - \$124,410.00 P0867183 - 06/15/2018 - \$137,280.00 P0834624 - 10/06/2017 - \$121,500.00 P0819361 - 06/13/2017 - \$129,600.00</p>	DeShaun Harris, Director - Medical Student Services, approved by Miriam Dixon

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7	P1048792-A UWorld LLC \$ 426,870.00 General Funds - Med Academic+Student Programs Admin	<p>Basis: Continuation of Specialized Services United States Medical Licensing Examination, USMLEWorld Self Assessment Checks for the School of Medicine from UWorld LLC.</p> <p>This is for Year 1 & 2 medical school students. This is a continuation of resources provided from previous years of medical school curriculum. This is the same company that provides the self assessment forms for the Year 3 medical students.</p> <p>This waiver is to increase PO P1048792 by \$142,290, from \$284,500 to \$426,870, to cover the cost for an additional 310 Qbanks.</p> <p>Other items are purchased through USMLE throughout the year, including additional individual step-prep resources provided by Wayne State University School of Medicine in the form of question banks and assessments, and small dollar Procard purchases throughout the academic year.</p> <p>Previous POs are - P1085748 - 02/28/2024 - \$142,290.00 P1048792 - 03/09/2023 - \$426,870.00 P1011145 - 03/01/2022 - \$284,580.00 P0981244 - 04/09/2021 - \$284,580.00 P0952353 - 03/31/2020 - \$275,400.00 P0880268 - 09/21/2018 - \$257,400.00 P0875075 - 08/15/2018 - \$124,410.00 P0867183 - 06/15/2018 - \$137,280.00 P0834624 - 10/06/2017 - \$121,500.00 P0819361 - 06/13/2017 - \$129,600.00</p>	DeShaun Harris, Director - Medical Student Services, approved by Kenneth Doherty

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E. PARTNERSHIPS/SPONSORS

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8	P1050200-A University Physician Group \$ 1,262,801.77 Grant Funds - VP Research	<p>Basis: Use of a University Affiliate for Specialized Services Medical services (non-COVID-19 Vaccines, health care screenings) for the Office of Vice President for Research from University Physician Group dba Wayne Health.</p> <p>Wayne Health is the medical service provider for the Mobile Health Units (MHU). The MHUs will be used to offer a variety of screening services and medical oversight at events. This is waiver is to increase PO P1050200 by \$68,497.77, from \$1,194,304.00 to \$1,262,801.77. Wayne Health required more funds to get the work proposed completed.</p> <p>The project proposal specified the utilization of Wayne Health as the service provider for the deployed mobile units purchased by Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS). They have the capacity to offer an array of medical services that are included in the grant work plan.</p> <p>WSU was awarded a grant from MDHHS, State Contract Number E20234614-00. MDHHS approved the utilization the MHU.</p> <p>Previous POs for the Mobile Units P1047560 - 02/27/2023 - \$ 523,125 P1042149 - 01/04/2023 - \$1,029,984 P1029327 - 08/29/2022 - \$ 573,889 P0970418 - 11/30/2020 - \$2,729,304</p>	Phillip Levy - Assistant Vice President for Research, approved by Kenneth Doherty

1 / \$ 1,262,801.77

F. Bid Waiver not signed off by Procurement. Ordering Dept signed off on contract.

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G. OTHER (SEE EXPLANATION)

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9	P1085661	AB Evergreen Analytics LLC \$ 115,000.00	<p>Basis: Informal Quotes obtained by the Requesting Department Statistical analysis and data sciences services for the Ophthalmology, Visual and Anatomical Sciences Department from AB Evergreen Analytics, LLC.</p> <p>The statistical analysis and data sciences services will be provided as part of two National Institute of Health awards for three (3) projects. The projects include Mitigating retinitis pigmentosa, Novel imaging biomarker for treating spatial memory loss in prodromal Alzheimer's disease models, and Novel imaging biomarker for treating spatial memory loss in prodromal Alzheimer's disease models.</p> <p>A master's-degree trained statistician is required for the complex analyses required. The Department contacted six potential independent statisticians; however, none had the skill and experience required for the projects. Evergreen Analytics LLC was chosen because it can provide the specific statistical and data science services required.</p>	Linda Hazlett, Vice Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, approved by Miriam Dixon
10	P1084137	Britz & Co \$ 78,165.00 General Funds - DLAR Administration	<p>Basis: Informal Sourcing performed by the Requesting Department Replacement suspended custom flooring Company for the Division of Lab Animal Resources (DLAR) from Britz Tecniplast.</p> <p>DLAR is replacing the suspended custom flooring for large animal kennels in the Elliman Building. The existing floors are worn, considered antiquated by industry standards, and hazardous to the workers in the department. DLAR wants a flat, thermoneutral fiberglass flooring which will keep the animals warm, dry, and comfortable.</p> <p>DLAR searched for nearly two years to find replacement flooring for the kennels, including while at trade shows. Britz appears to be the only company that makes this type of floor.</p> <p>Previous POs: P1018565 - 5/13/2022 - \$487.00 P0990290 - 7/26/2021 - \$1,506.00</p>	Ezemenari Obasi, Vice President for Research, approved by Miriam Dixon

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11	P1083591	Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit Inc \$ 196,400.00 Plant Funds - FP+M Office of Assoc VP	Basis: OEM Source for Specialized Musical Equipment Nine-foot concert grand piano for Facilities Planning and Management (FPM) from Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit. FPM is purchasing a 9-foot concert grand piano for the Hilberry Gateway Project. Artist contracts and riders usually require a Steinway concert grand piano for performances and other functions. This piano is being purchased directly from the manufacturer to get the best price. There was a donation specifically for the purchase of a Steinway Concert Piano and the endowed chair directly negotiated a reduced price for the University.	Robert Davenport, AVP for Facilities Planning & Management, approved by Miriam Dixon
12	P1085630	Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates \$ 182,999.67 General Funds - Search VP Finance & Facilities	Recruitment services for Senior Vice President of Business Affairs from SP&A Executive Search for the Office of the President. Recruitment services include actual fees, Candidate and recruiter travel, and miscellaneous expenses. SP&A Executive Search was selected based on their vast experience in recruiting Academic Administrators. Given the importance of the position and the short notice before the position was vacated, it was necessary to move quickly to obtain a recruiting firm.	Julie Miller, Vice President & Secretary of the Board, approved by Kenneth Doherty

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13	P1084706 Two Times Pi \$ 338,000.00 Grant Funds - Psychiatry	<p>Basis: Identified within and Requirement of the Grant Design and program augmented reality (AR) human encounter scenarios for the Department of Psychiatry from Two Times Pi.</p> <p>The University contracted with Two Times Pi last year to develop augmented reality software to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in first responders as part of the Metro Detroit Human Health Services (MDHHS) Frontline Strong Together grant. This year, Two Times Pi will be creating additional characters, new character animations, new scenarios, 3D props, and character Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration with InWorld AI. The application being built is the first AR system for treating PTSD.</p> <p>Due to the complexities of this app development, the Department's internal team of computer scientists received quotes and met with two other companies, CrossComm and Dubovision. CrossComm was previously hired on a similar prototype and the work was done seamlessly. However, their cost was higher than Two Times Pi and they have less experience in creating digital humans which is an integral aspect of this app creation. The Dubovision quote was lower for the same number of scenarios, but only 10-12 digital humans whereas Two Times Pi is creating 26.</p> <p>The Department of Psychiatry has received a grant from MDHHS totaling \$10,500,000 this fiscal year, ending on September 30, 2024. This grant has several program initiatives, one of which is to create an augmented reality app to treat first responders in Michigan. Two Times Pi was specifically listed in the grant agreement.</p> <p>Previous PO: P1057061 - 05/30/2023 - \$301,275.00</p>	David Rosenberg, Chair of Psychiatry, approved by Kenneth Doherty
Total	5 / \$ 910,564.67 13 / \$ 3,280,175.70		