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GARTNER, INC. Contract Renewal (AUG 2026– AUG 2027)

Scope: Internal Audits & Compliance is seeking a one-year extension to our engagement with Gartner, Inc. to provide subscription based, specialized and customizable research and advisory support for the internal development of improved processes, skills development, and risk management procedures:

- Provide both audit staff and management with updated skills development training and support; Evaluation and assessment tools to audit management.
- Provide certified audit staff and management with access to CPE credit courses at no additional cost.
- Provide consultants and facilitate engagements for best practices advisement and process development, project management, and strategic planning.
- Continuing the development of both Enterprise Risk Management and 3rd Party Risk Management foundations and process monitoring, resulting in better coordination of cross-functional risk management and asset security measures.
- Continuing the development of post-audit issue and corrective action monitoring and ESPLOST/Capital Improvements internal audit and activity monitoring plan.

All services are provided with *unlimited access* throughout the contract term.

Contract/Renewal Term: The DeKalb County School Board of Education approved the initial agreement with Gartner, Inc. utilizing Georgia statewide contract (#99999-SPD-SPD0000208-0014 In August 2024, and approved renewal in August 2025. This renewal contains no changes to services provided from prior years. Individual licenses are increased by \$1,200 from the previous year. **Current Renewal Term:** **August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027 for an amount not to exceed \$119,700.00.**

Summary: Our initial engagement with Gartner, Inc. was to address critical needs associated with rebuilding the department following the loss of all but 2 auditors in the wake of COVID. Increasing BOE and stakeholder demand for fiscal accountability and organizational efficiency, along with increased attention to fraud risk and 3rd party risk management over the past year has led to need to continue upgrading and refining our processes, along with skills development among all audit staff. This one-year extension of services provided by Gartner, Inc. serves *Strategic Goal Area 3: Recruit, Develop, and Retain Talent – Performance Objective 2: Develop high performing staff to ensure quality teaching and learning outcomes, an innovative workforce, and visionary leaders* by providing skill, process, and management development resources tailored to the specialized needs of Internal Audits & Compliance. Furthermore, it also supports *Strategic Goal Area 6: Organizational Excellence – Performance Objective 5: Ensure excellent financial management of district resources* by providing critical support and advisement as Internal Audits & Compliance builds capacity to meet the growing challenges to risk and compliance management.