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# Memo

**To** The Board of Education

**From** Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent  
 By: Maria Santos, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction, Leadership & Equity-in-Action  
 Vernon Hal, Deputy Superintendent, Business & Operations

**Board Meeting Date**  
*(To be completed by Procurement)* 1-11-12

**Subject** Professional Services Contract -  
School Solutions Collaborative, LL Oakland CA (contractor, City State)  
High School Network (site/department)

**Action Requested** Approval of a professional services contract between Oakland Unified School District and School Solutions Collaborative, LLC. Services to be primarily provided to High School Network for the period of 11/01/2011 through 12/30/2011.

**Background**  
*A one paragraph explanation of why the consultant's services are needed.*

The 9th grade small learning communities at Oakland High School aim to provide a high quality rigorous education that prepares all students for success in higher level secondary course work and beyond in college and career. Ninth grade teacher teams meet weekly, and on six release days during the school year, to engage in cycles of inquiry towards improving instruction and providing interventions for their students. This consultant will support teacher teams to collaborate effectively so that cycles of inquiry produce desired results, especially in work around literacy. Effective teacher collaboration is a best practice supported by the Federal Smaller Learning Communities Program Grant which is funding this contract.

**Discussion**  
*One paragraph summary of the scope of work.*

The 9th Grade House at Oakland High will connect instructional literacy strategies to outcomes by strategically leveraging cycles of inquiry, developing school-wide literacy strategies, and establishing collaborative conditions. Cycles of inquiry occur at the classroom, team, and school level. Teams will become familiar with the cycle of inquiry by executing individually with collaborative support. Teams will continue to use cycles of inquiry for individual classroom instruction while executing cycles of inquiry at the team and department level. Established collaborative conditions include identifying PLC Agreements and meeting routines. School-wide literacy strategies include developing a writing program and literacy pedagogical practices.

**Recommendation** Approval of professional services contract between Oakland Unified School District and School Solutions Collaborative, LLC. Services to be primarily provided to High School Network for the period of 11/01/2011 through 12/30/2011.

**Fiscal Impact** Funding resource name (please spell out) Smaller Learning Communities Grant  
Communities not to exceed \$ 4,800.00

- Attachments**
- Professional Services Contract including scope of work
  - Fingerprint/Background Check Certification
  - Commercial General Liability Insurance Certification
  - TB screening documentation
  - Statement of qualifications

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OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT 2011-2012

This Agreement is entered into between the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) and School Solutions Collaborative, LLC (CONTRACTOR). OUSD is authorized by Government Code Section 53060 to contract for the furnishing of special services and advice in financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal, and administrative matters with persons specially trained, experienced, and competent to perform such services. CONTRACTOR warrants it is specially trained, experienced, and competent to provide such services. The parties agree as follows:

- Services:** CONTRACTOR shall provide the services described in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Services" or "Work").
- Terms:** CONTRACTOR shall commence work on 11/01/2011, or the day immediately following approval by the Superintendent if the aggregate amount CONTRACTOR has contracted with the District is below \$78,500 in the current fiscal year; or, approval by the Board of Education if the total contract(s) exceed \$78,500, whichever is later. The work shall be completed no later than 12/30/2011.
- Compensation:** OUSD agrees to pay CONTRACTOR for services satisfactorily rendered pursuant to this Agreement, a total fee not to exceed Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$4,800.00). This sum shall be for full performance of this Agreement 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.

If CONTRACTOR will be compensated hourly for services provided under this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall describe in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, the specific scope of services to be delivered on an hourly basis to OUSD.

OUSD shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any costs or expenses paid or incurred by CONTRACTOR in performing services for OUSD, except as follows: None.

Payment for Work shall be made for all undisputed amounts in monthly installment payments within forty-five (45) days after the CONTRACTOR submits an invoice to OUSD for Work actually completed and after OUSD's written approval of the Work, or the portion of the Work for which payment is to be made.

The granting of any payment by OUSD, or the receipt thereof by CONTRACTOR, shall in no way lessen the liability of CONTRACTOR to correct unsatisfactory work, although the unsatisfactory character of that work may not have been apparent or detected at the time a payment was made. Work, which does not conform to the requirements of this Agreement, may be rejected by the District and in that case must be replaced by CONTRACTOR without delay.

- Submittal of Documents:** CONTRACTOR shall not commence the Work under this Contract until CONTRACTOR has submitted and OUSD has approved evidence of the following:
  - Individual consultants:
    - Tuberculosis Clearance – Documentation from health care provider showing negative TB status within the last four years.
    - Completion of Pre-Consultant Screening Process – Attach letter from Human Resources Support Services showing completion of Pre-Consultant Screening for this current fiscal year.
    - Insurance Certificates and Endorsements – General Liability insurance in compliance with section 9 herein.
  - Agencies or organizations:
    - Insurance Certificates and Endorsements – Workers' Compensation insurance in compliance with section 9 herein.
- Equipment and Materials:** CONTRACTOR shall provide all equipment, materials, and supplies necessary for the performance of this Agreement *except:* None which shall not exceed a total cost of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- CONTRACTOR Qualifications / Performance of Services.**

**CONTRACTOR Qualifications.** CONTRACTOR warrants it is specially trained, experienced, competent and fully licensed to provide the Services required by this Agreement in conformity with the laws and regulations of the State of California, the United States of America, and all local laws, ordinances and/or regulations, as they may apply.

**Standard of Care.** CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR has the qualifications and ability to perform the Services in a professional manner, without the advice, control, or supervision of OUSD. CONTRACTOR's services will be performed, findings obtained, reports and recommendations prepared in accordance with generally and currently accepted principles and practices of its profession for services to California school districts.

- Notices:** All notices and invoices provided for under this Agreement shall be in writing and either personally delivered during normal business hours or sent by U.S. Mail (certified, return receipt requested) with postage prepaid to the other party at the address set forth below:

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**OUSD Representative:**

Name: Cleo Protopapas  
Site /Dept.: High School Network  
Address: 1025 2nd Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94606  
Phone: (510) 501-7020

**CONTRACTOR:**

Name: School Solutions Collaborative, LLC, Leslie Plettner  
Title: Consultant  
Address: 3250 Wyman St.  
Oakland CA 94619  
Phone: (510) 703-9544

Notice shall be effective when received if personally served or, if mailed, three days after mailing. Either party must give written notice of a change of address. CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices in a form that includes the name of the person providing the service, the service performed, the date service was rendered, and the hours spent on the work.

**8. Invoicing**

Invoices furnished by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement must be in a form acceptable to OUSD. All amounts paid by OUSD shall be subject to audit by OUSD.

1. Invoices shall include, but not be limited to: Consultant name, consultant address, invoice date, invoice sequence number, purchase order number, name of school or department service was provided to, period of service, number of hours of service, brief description of services provided, hourly rate, total payment requested.
2. Invoices from Agencies or Organizations must include evidence of compliance with section 19 herein:
  - i. Fingerprinting of Employees and Agents: Agency or organization must provide a current list of all employees, agents and volunteers working at an OUSD site when invoicing, and must include the Department of Justice ATI number for each person, and a statement that subsequent arrest records have been requested for each person listed.
  - ii. Tuberculosis Screening: The list must also include a statement that TB Clearance is on file for each person.

**9. Status of Contractor:** This is not an employment contract. CONTRACTOR, in the performance of this Agreement, shall be and act as an independent contractor. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that it and all of its employees shall not be considered officers, employees, agents, partner, or joint venture of OUSD, and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of OUSD and/or to which OUSD's employees are normally entitled, including, but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Worker's Compensation. CONTRACTOR shall assume full responsibility for payment of all Federal, State, and local taxes or contributions, including unemployment insurance, social security and income taxes with respect to CONTRACTOR's employees. In the performance of the work herein contemplated, CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor or business entity, with the sole authority for controlling and directing the performance of the details of the work, OUSD being interested only in the results obtained.

**10. Insurance:**

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance: Unless specifically waived by OUSD, the following insurance is required:
  - i. If CONTRACTOR employs any person to perform work in connection with this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain at all times during the performance of such work, Workers' Compensation Insurance in conformance with the laws of the State of California and Federal laws when applicable. Employers' Liability Insurance shall not be less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident or disease.

Check one of the boxes below:

CONTRACTOR is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Work of this Contract.

CONTRACTOR does not employ anyone in the manner subject to the workers' compensation laws of California.

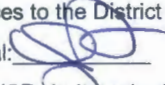
- ii. CONTRACTOR shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance, including automobile coverage with limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The coverage shall be primary as to OUSD and shall name OUSD as an additional insured. Evidence of insurance must be attached. Endorsement of OUSD as an additional insured shall not affect OUSD's rights to any claim, demand, suit or judgment made, brought or recovered against CONTRACTOR. The policy shall protect CONTRACTOR and OUSD in the same manner as though each were separately issued. Nothing in said policy shall operate to increase the Insurer's liability as set forth in the policy beyond the amount or amounts shown or to which the Insurer would have been liable if only one interest were named as an insured.
- iii. If CONTRACTOR is offering OUSD professional advice under this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall maintain Errors and Omissions insurance or Professional Liability insurance with coverage limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim.

**OR**

- iv. CONTRACTOR is not required to maintain any insurance under this agreement. (Completed and approved Waiver of Insurance Form is required.) Waiver of insurance does not release CONTRACTOR from responsibility for any claim or demand.

**11. Licenses and Permits:** CONTRACTOR shall obtain and keep in force all licenses, permits, and certificates necessary for the performance of this Agreement.

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12. **Assignment:** The obligations of CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not be assigned by CONTRACTOR without the express prior written consent of OUSD.
13. **Anti-Discrimination.** It is the policy of OUSD that in connection with all work performed under Contracts there be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religious creed, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, or age and therefore the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable Federal and California laws including, but not limited to, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act beginning with Government Code Section 12900 and Labor Code Section 1735 and OUSD policy. In addition, the CONTRACTOR agrees to require like compliance by all its subcontractor(s). Contractor shall not engage in unlawful discrimination in employment on the basis of actual or perceived; race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, gender, sex or sexual orientation.
14. **Drug-Free / Smoke Free Policy.** No drugs, alcohol, and/or smoking are allowed at any time in any buildings and/or grounds on OUSD property. No students, staff, visitors, CONTRACTORS, or subcontractors are to use drugs on these sites.
15. **Indemnification:** CONTRACTOR agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend OUSD and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims or losses accruing or resulting from injury, damage, or death of any person, firm, or corporation in connection with the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR also agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend OUSD and its elective board, officers, 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 Agreement. This provision survives termination of this Agreement.
16. **Copyright/Trademark/Patent/Ownership.** CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that all matters produced under this Agreement shall become the property of OUSD and cannot be used without OUSD's express written permission. OUSD shall have all right, title and interest in said matters, including the right to secure and maintain the copyright, trademark, and/or patent of said matter in the name of OUSD. CONTRACTOR consents to use of CONTRACTOR's name in conjunction with the sale, use, performance and distribution of the matters, for any purpose and in any medium. These matters include, without limitation, drawings, plans, specifications, studies, reports, memoranda, computation sheets, the contents of computer diskettes, artwork, copy, posters, billboards, photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, systems designs, software, reports, diagrams, surveys, source codes or any other original works of authorship, or other documents prepared by CONTRACTOR or its Sub-CONTRACTORS in connection with the Services performed under this Agreement. All works shall be works for hire as defined under Title 17 of the United States Code, and all copyrights in those works are the property of OUSD.
17. **Waiver:** No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right or prevent a similar subsequent act from constituting a violation of the Agreement.
18. **Termination:** OUSD may at any time terminate this Agreement upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. OUSD shall compensate CONTRACTOR for services satisfactorily provided through the date of termination. In addition, OUSD may terminate this Agreement for cause should CONTRACTOR fail to perform any part of this Agreement. In the event of termination for cause, OUSD may secure the required services from another contractor. If the cost to OUSD exceeds the cost of providing the services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall pay the additional cost.
19. **Conduct of Consultant.** CONSULTANT will adhere to the following staff requirements and provide OUSD with evidence of staff qualifications, consistent with invoicing requirements outlined in Section 8, which include:
1. **Tuberculosis Screening**
  2. **Fingerprinting of Employees and Agents.** The fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 apply to CONTRACTOR's services under this Agreement and CONTRACTOR certifies its compliance with these provisions as follows: "CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR has complied with the fingerprinting and criminal background investigation requirements of Education Code section 45125.1 with respect to all CONTRACTOR's employees, subcontractors, agents, and subcontractors' employees or agents ("Employees") regardless of whether those Employees are paid or unpaid, concurrently employed by OUSD, or acting as independent contractors of CONTRACTOR, who may have contact with OUSD pupils in the course of providing services pursuant to the Agreement, and the California Department of Justice has determined that none of those Employees has been convicted of a felony, as that term is defined in Education Code section 45122.1. Contractor further certifies that it has received and reviewed fingerprint results for each of its Employees and Contractor has requested and reviews subsequent arrest records for all Employees who may come into contract with OUSD pupils in providing services to the District under this Agreement.
- Contractor initial: 
- In the event that OUSD, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this contract, desires the removal of any CONSULTANT related persons, employee, representative or agent from an OUSD school site and, or property, CONSULTANT shall immediately upon receiving notice from OUSD of such desire, cause the removal of such person or persons.
20. **No Rights in Third Parties.** This Agreement does not create any rights in, or inure to the benefit of, any third party except as expressly provided herein.
21. **OUSD's Evaluation of CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's Employees and/or Subcontractors.** OUSD may evaluate the CONTRACTOR's work in any way that OUSD is entitled to do so pursuant to applicable law. The OUSD's evaluation may include, without limitation:
1. Requesting that OUSD employee(s) evaluate the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and subcontractors and each of their performance.
  2. Announced and unannounced observance of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR's employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s).

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22. **Limitation of OUSD Liability.** Other than as provided in this Agreement, OUSD's financial obligations under this Agreement shall be limited to the payment of the compensation provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event, shall OUSD be liable, regardless of whether any claim is based on contract or tort, for any special, consequential, indirect or incidental damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits or revenue, arising out of, or in connection with, this Agreement for the services performed in connection with this Agreement.
23. **Confidentiality.** The CONTRACTOR and all CONTRACTOR's agents, personnel, employee(s), and/or subcontractor(s) shall maintain the confidentiality of all information received in the course of performing the Services. CONTRACTOR understands that student records are confidential and agrees to comply with all state and federal laws concerning the maintenance and disclosure of student records. This requirement to maintain confidentiality shall extend beyond the termination of this Agreement. Contractors will be permitted access to student data only where permissible under state and federal law and only after executing OUSD's Confidentiality Agreement Regarding Student Data.
24. **Conflict of Interest.** CONTRACTOR shall abide by and be subject to all applicable OUSD policies, regulations, statutes or other laws regarding conflict of interest. CONTRACTOR shall not hire any officer or employee of OUSD to perform any service by this Agreement.  
  
CONTRACTOR affirms to the best of his/her/its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict of interest between CONTRACTOR's family, business or financial interest and the services provided under this Agreement, and in the event of change in either private interest or services under this Agreement, any question regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change will be brought to OUSD's attention in writing.  
  
Through its execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it is familiar with the provisions of section 1090 *et seq.* and section 87100 *et seq.* of the Government Code of the State of California, and certifies that it does not know of any facts which constitute a violation of said provisions. In the event CONTRACTOR receives any information subsequent to execution of this Agreement, which might constitute a violation of said provisions, CONTRACTOR agrees it shall notify OUSD in writing.
25. **Integration/Entire Agreement of Parties.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether oral or written. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both Parties.
26. **Litigation:** This Agreement shall be performed in Oakland, California and is governed by the laws of the State of California. The Alameda County Superior Court shall have jurisdiction over any state court litigation initiated to enforce or interpret this Agreement. If litigation is initiated, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
27. **Contract Contingent on Governing Board Approval:** The District shall not be bound by the terms of this Agreement until it has been formally approved by the District's Governing Board, and no payment shall be owed or made to CONTRACTOR absent formal approval. This Agreement shall be deemed to be approved when it has been signed by the Board of Education, and/or the Superintendent as its designee.
28. **Signature Authority.** Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party has been given the proper authority and empowered to enter into this Agreement.
29. **Counterparts.** This Agreement and all amendments and supplements to it may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts together shall be construed as one document.
30. **Incorporation of Recitals and Exhibits.** The Recitals and each exhibit attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Summary of terms and compensation:

Anticipated start date: 11/01/2011 Work shall be completed by: 12/30/2011 Total Fee: \$ 4,800.00

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

[Signature]  
 President, Board of Education  
 Superintendent or Designee

[Signature]  
 Secretary, Board of Education

1/12/12  
 Date

1/12/12  
 Date

CONTRACTOR

[Signature] 11-30-11  
 Contractor Signature Date

School Solutions Collaborative, Executive Director  
 Print Name, Title

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EXHIBIT "A" Scope of Work

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR's entire Proposal is not made part of this Agreement. [IF A CONTRACTOR PROVIDES AN ACCEPTABLE DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AS PART OF A PROPOSAL, THAT DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES CAN BE ATTACHED WITHOUT ANY TERMS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS, ETC., FROM THAT PROPOSAL.]

Summary for Board Memo and Board Agenda – Must accurately align with scope of work below.

The 9th Grade House at Oakland High will connect instructional literacy strategies to outcomes by strategically leveraging cycles of inquiry, developing school-wide literacy strategies, and establishing collaborative conditions. Cycles of inquiry occur at the classroom, team, and school level. Teams will become familiar with the cycle of inquiry by executing individually with collaborative support. Teams will continue to use cycles of inquiry for individual classroom instruction while executing cycles of inquiry at the team and department level. Established collaborative conditions include identifying PLC Agreements and meeting routines. School-wide literacy strategies include developing a writing program and literacy pedagogical practices.

SCOPE OF WORK

School Solutions Collaborative, LLC will provide a maximum of 48.00 hours of services at a rate of \$100.00 per hour for a total not to exceed \$4,800.00. Services are anticipated to begin on 11/01/2011 and end on 12/30/2011.

1. Description of Services to be Provided: Provide a description of the service(s) the contractor will provide. Be specific about what service(s) OUSD is purchasing and what this Contractor will do.

PROCESS:

(1) Meet with SLC Coordinator and 9th grade Assistant Principal of Oakland High to develop agendas for cycles of inquiry and literacy strategies with 9th grade small learning community teachers and leaders; (2) provide PD and meeting facilitation in accordance with these agendas; (3) provide evaluation forms for feedback from participating staff; and (4) debrief effectiveness of meetings with Oakland High leaders and Project Director of the SLC Program.

CONTENT:

1) Introduce and train principal, lead teacher, and teachers on using the cycle of inquiry to improve classroom instruction, departmental and team practices, and school-wide effectiveness. 2) Provide technical support in building a school-wide writing program, 3) Provide technical support in developing school-wide literacy pedagogical strategies.

2. Specific Outcomes: What are the expected outcomes from the services of this Contract? Be specific. For example, as a result of the service(s): 1) How many more Oakland children are graduating from high school? 2) How many more Oakland children are attending school 95% or more? 3) How many more students have meaningful internships and/or paying jobs? 4) How many more Oakland children have access to, and use, the health services they need? Provide details of program participation (Students will...) and measurable outcomes (Participants will be able to...). NOT THE GOALS OF THE SITE OR DEPARTMENT.

There are more than 400 9th grade students at Oakland High in the Class of 2015. Past graduation rates of 66% suggest that fewer than 275 of these students will ultimately graduate from high school. To increase the success and retention of these students, the leaders at Oakland High plans to significantly increase the rigor of and supports for its 9th grade curriculum to improve academic literacy across the content areas. As a result of the services outlined in this proposal and the SLC supports, it is expected that:

- Graduation rate for the Class of 2015 will increase from 66% to 86% (or approximately 80 more students)
- Satisfactory attendance rates will increase from 73% to 90% for the Class of 2015
- Chronic absentee rates will decline from 16% to 8% for the Class of 2015

3. Alignment with District Strategic Plan: Indicate the goals and visions supported by the services of this contract:

(Check all that apply.)

- Ensure a high quality instructional core
Develop social, emotional and physical health
Create equitable opportunities for learning
High quality and effective instruction
Prepare students for success in college and careers
Safe, healthy and supportive schools
Accountable for quality
Full service community district

**4. Alignment with Single Plan for Student Achievement (required if using State or Federal Funds)**

Please select:

- Action Item included in Board Approved SPSA (no additional documentation required)** – Action Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - Action Item added as modification to Board Approved SPSA** – Submit the following documents to the Resource Manager either electronically via email of scanned documents, fax or drop off.
    1. Relevant page of SPSA with action item highlighted. Page must include header with the word "Modified", modification date, school site name, both principal and school site council chair initials and date.
    2. Meeting announcement for meeting in which the SPSA modification was approved.
    3. Minutes for meeting in which the SPSA modification was approved indicating approval of the modification.
    4. Sign-in sheet for meeting in which the SPSA modification was approved.
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