

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$3,000,000

Vendor: Compass Group USA, Inc./ dba Chartwells

Item: Dining and Retail Services

Contract Value: \$74,744,905

Term: October 9, 2026 – June 30, 2037

Department: Administrative Operations

Source of Funds: Auxiliary Funds – Other

Remarks:

On behalf of the university, Administrative Operations is seeking approval from the Board of Trustees to enter into a 10-year Dining Services/Food Services Agreement with Chartwells, a division of the Compass Group USA, Inc. Chartwells will operate dining services at Purdue University's Indianapolis campus in the Academic Success Building starting in the 2027-28 academic year, with buildout activity beginning in Fall 2026.

In February 2025, Purdue released a publicly advertised Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for retail and dining services and received three responses. Purdue's goal with the RFP process was to partner with an operator that would provide and manage a comprehensive, high-quality food service dining program, including retail services and catering.

Chartwells was selected to operate the university's dining hall within the Academic Success Building, planned to be available to the facility's residents, other campus residents and the public. Purdue BOT-adopted meal plans and cash/credit will be accepted in the dining hall. Five flexible buffet-style food stations will be offered with a variety of rotating diverse menu options. Chartwells will also manage catering and retail operations within the Academic Success Building, including a café, 24/7 convenience store/market and a team store.

Additional Information / Financial Overview:

- **Capital Investment:** Chartwells' proposal represented a capital investment offer for the initial dining services buildout costs for the Academic Success Building, including the food service equipment and installation.
- **Additional Funding:** Chartwells will provide ongoing contributions to various funds for innovation, repairs and maintenance, and technology – in addition to an unrestricted fund in Years 5 through 10.

Tentative Schedule:

Retail Services Begin	June 2027
Dining Hall Opens	August 2027

BOARD APPROVED
October 9, 2026
Cindy Ream
Corporate Secretary