

**RATIFY AGREEMENTS WITH CONSULTANTS PROVIDING SERVICES TO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN
THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (CSR)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify agreements with the Consultants listed below to provide educational consulting services to 8 schools participating in the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSR) program at a cost, in the aggregate, not to exceed \$128,275.00. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultants were selected on a non-competitive basis because of their expertise in developing educational programs. A written agreement for each Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to a Consultant prior to the execution of its written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Consultant in the event a written agreement for such Consultant is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

Contract No.: 00-250860

Consultants:

<u>Vendor Name and Address</u>	<u>School/Location</u>		<u>ITBS/TAP Percent Changes (1999-00)</u>	
			<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>
1. CO-NECT, Inc. Vendor No.: 29216 70 Fawcett St. Cambridge, MA 02138 Contact Person: Shannon Quinlan (617) 873-3220 Not to Exceed: \$ 50,000	Pulaski-	\$50,000	+2.4	+4.4
2. The University of Chicago Center for School Improvement Vendor No.: 46979 & 30280 970 E. 58 th Street Contact Person: Mary Ellen Sheridan (773) 702-8404 Not to Exceed: \$18,000	Fiske	\$18,000	-1.9	+5.3 (New Consultant assigned for FY 01)
3. Gloria D. Pleasont, Ph.D. Vendor No.: 80047 20025 Lakewood Ave. Lynwood, IL 60411 Contact Person: Gloria D. Pleasont (708) 895-3686 Not to Exceed: \$9,300	Beethoven-	\$ 9,300	+16.4	+14.6
4. Reden, Constance Vendor No.: 51714 12810 S. Wallace Chicago, IL 60628 Contact Person: Constance Reden (773) 821-4319 Not to Exceed: \$10,800	Hinton -	\$10,800	-0.5	+0.9 (New Consultant assigned for FY 01)

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5. Roosevelt University Vendor No.: 35277 430 S. Michigan Chicago, IL 60605 Contact Person: Gregory Hauser (312) 341-3706 Not to Exceed: \$20,500	McCosh- \$10,250 May - \$10,250	-0.7 +0.3	+3.4 -0.3
(New Consultant assigned for FY 01)			
6. Ward Weldon Vendor No: 55986 517 Hazelwood Glenview, IL 60025 Contact Person: Ward Weldon (847) 729-3538 Not to Exceed: \$6,000	Pilsen - \$ 6,000	+1.8	-0.4
(New Consultant assigned for FY 01)			
7. Youth Guidance Vendor No.: 11060 53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 950 East Chicago, IL 60604-3664 Contact Person: Vivian Loseth (312) 435-3900 Not to Exceed: \$13,675	Chase - \$13,675	+2.4	+5.3

DEPARTMENT: Office of Special Projects/Division of Program Improvement
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TERM: The term of each agreement commenced on October 1, 2000, and shall end December 31, 2001.

GRANT DESCRIPTION: Now in its third year of the 3-year grant, the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSR D) program grant is funded through the Illinois State Board of Education, and coordinated by the Office of Accountability and the Office of Special Projects, the Division of Program Improvement. The grant is for the implementation of comprehensive, research-based school reform designs that promote significant improvement in student achievement at 8 schools-not on probation-who have voluntarily elected to participate. Program proposals for the CSR D grant, submitted by participating schools, indicated the selected vendors and amounts to be paid which have been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Each school was required to select one of a number of newly designed and validated programs approved by the U.S. Department of Education. On November 27, 2000, the Board received ISBE grant funds in the amount of \$2,650,000.00. Of that amount, \$128,275.00 is for the 7 consultants specified herein, covering the grant period of October 1, 2000 to December 31, 2001.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultants shall work with elementary schools participating in the CSR D Project in providing technical assistance in the areas of staff development, organization, curriculum, instruction, and evaluation. Examples of proposed activities include: offering teacher training in core curricular areas of instruction, assisting with the implementation of Children First activities, working with school administrators on leadership issues, providing sample lessons to teachers, assisting with parent and community partnerships, working with the schools to analyze test scores and provide diagnostic assistance from these scores.

ITBS or TAP gains are noted after each school based on the spring of 2000 tests. Continuation of partnerships is determined by their success in increasing standardized test scores through a monitoring process in the Office of Special Projects, the Division of Program Improvement. Each school submitted an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for review and approval. Each school has been granted a sum of \$50,000 for the third year of this three-year project.

DELIVERABLES: Deliverables will vary according to each vendor's proposal. The Office of Special Projects, the Division of Program Improvement will monitor receipt of the Board of deliverables.

OUTCOMES: 1) increase student achievement; 2) improve school leadership, including school organization and fiscal management; 3) establish a student-centered learning climate; 4) provide effective professional development activities; and 5) promote parent community partnerships.

COMPENSATION: Consultants shall be paid as follows: two equal installments, with final installment upon completion of services, and with total compensation to all 7 consultants not to exceed the sum of \$128,275.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: Consultants shall not be reimbursed for any expenses.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements.

LSC REVIEW: Each participating school selected the consultant of their choice. The Local School Council approved the consultants (for the program they selected) for the school years FY00 through FY01.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Economic participation (M/WBE Plan).

FINANCIAL: Charge to: The Office of Special Projects, Division of Program Improvement- \$128,275.00.
Fiscal Year: 2001 Budget Classification: 0310-239-690-8274-5410
(0310-239-690-8274-5990)

Source of Funds: Illinois State Board of Education

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.


Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Ethics Code adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

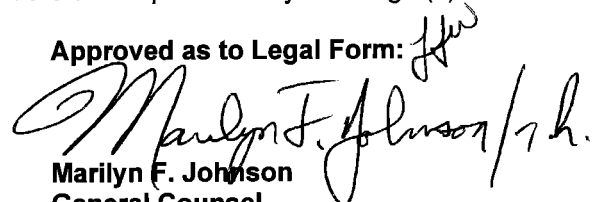
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:


Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Office