

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Assessment Consortium (NEIAC) to provide consulting services to the Office of Accountability at a cost not to exceed \$36,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis due to its unique qualifications in providing these staff development services and is the sole provider for the sample assessment materials. A written agreement for these services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and no payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specifications No.: 00-250846

VENDOR: Northeastern Illinois Assessment Consortium
19525 W. Washington Street
Grayslake, IL 60030
(847) 223-3400 x218 - Catherine Thome
Vendor No. pending

USER: Office of Accountability
125 S. Clark, 11th floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact Person: Adalbert Kouba
(773) 553-2335

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30, 2001.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall provide inservice training to 75-80 CPS staff and follow-up in understanding the design of assessment preparation and scoring guides and their alignment to CPS and/or Illinois Learning Standards. Consultant will utilize the trainer-of trainers model and will provide instruction to approximately 75-80 CPS staff. Consultant shall provide sample test items for use in the development of assessment instruments which will prepare students to take the ISAT and Prairie State examinations. In addition, CPS will be granted membership in NEIAC Leadership Network and NEIAC College/University Network, thus providing access to practice test items and scoring rubrics developed by other school districts in the metropolitan area for use in preparing students to take the ISAT and Prairie State examinations.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide four days of training, plus two days of training follow-up (includes review and revision of assessment tasks); computerized templates; one-year membership in NEIAC Leadership Network—three meetings per year on current assessment practices; one-year membership in NEIAC College/University Network—three meetings per year; vouchers for NEIAC sponsored workshops; two packages of NEIAC piloted performance assessments; a qualitative assessment of participants and access to practice test items and scoring rubrics developed and used by other school districts in the metropolitan area.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's training and membership services will assist teachers and schools to better prepare their students to do well on the ISAT and Prairie State achievement exams. Membership in NEIAC networks will provide the opportunity for collaboration with other organizations and individuals for sharing of information.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid in two equal payments; one half at the completion of the workshops and one half upon receipt of all other deliverables and a final report, not to exceed a total of \$36,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize Chief Accountability Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

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)

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Accountability \$36,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2001
Budget Classification: 0920-210-461-1048-5410 Source of Funds: Educational Fund

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.

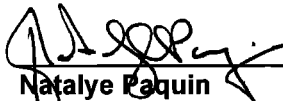
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy 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.

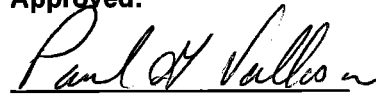
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



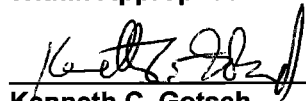
Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



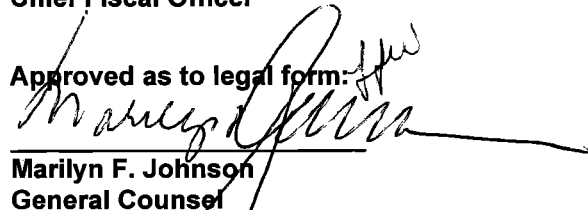
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel