

August 28, 2002

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve payment to Western Illinois University for consulting services provided to the Office of the Chief Education Officer from August 12-16, 2002 and August 19-23, 2002 in the amount of \$179,930.00. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was identified as the consultant to provide these services under the Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago's Reading Excellence Act (REA) Grant.

Specification No.: 02-250144

**CONSULTANT:** Western Illinois University  
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**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Western Illinois, acting as the lead partner of a consortium of universities contracted through ISBE, provided training and staff development to district participants in the Reading Excellence Act Grant. The consortium forms the Illinois Center for Achieving Reading Excellence (ICARE). Throughout the state, 7 partnering universities provided mini courses for classroom teachers and reading specialists and have developed a Comprehensive Literacy Institute to help teachers develop classroom practices that reflect the best recommendations from research and to design and implement appropriate instruction. Under the Grant agreement, Western Illinois receives payment and disburses the funds to the various partnering universities.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant provided research-based mini-courses in the area of teaching reading that was made available to participating teachers. REA Program Directors were instructed in the effective implementation of the grant.

**OUTCOMES:** Participating teachers will have a repertoire of effective reading strategies they can employ with their students.


**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid the sum of \$179,930.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** This matter is exempt from M/WBE compliance due to the fact that the services have been completed.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of the Chief Education Officer: \$179,930.00      Fiscal Year: 2002  
Budget Classification: #0105-239-912-1049-5410      Source of Funds: Miscellaneous  
Federal/State Block Grants - #239      Requisition Number: #5049382

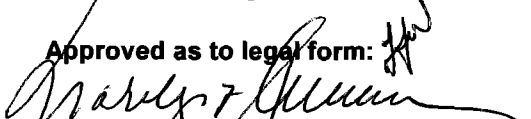
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer


**Within Appropriation:**

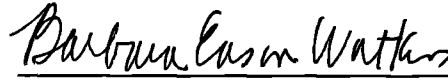
  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Barbara Eason Watkins  
Chief Education Officer