

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH GUIDANCE
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Youth Guidance to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Department of Pupil Support Services at a cost not to exceed \$345,600. The consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is identified as a service provider in the grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the proposal entitled, "Avenues for Success." A written agreement for the Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the 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.

Specification No .: 03-250033

CONSULTANTS: Youth Guidance (YG)
53 West Jackson Suite 950
Chicago, Illinois 60604
312-435-3900 x3915
Contact: Nancy Johnston
Vendor# 11060

USER: Office of Specialized Services, Department of Pupil Support Services
125 South Clark, 8th floor
Contact: Patricia McPhearson Davis, Safe and Drug Free Schools, 9th floor
773-553-2050

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on February 27, 2003 and shall end February 26, 2004. This agreement shall have two options to renew for a period of one year per renewal period.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30-days notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall provide services to one hundred at-risk freshmen in six high schools: Austin, Crane, Kelyvn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth for a total of 600 who will participate in Avenues for Success. Avenues for Success (AFS) is based on Project Success, a SAMHA/CSAP National Registry of Effective Prevention Program. AFS uses a family outreach and referral base model. Youth Guidance will hire counselors who will teach an eight-session substance abuse prevention education program (Project Success Curriculum), provide individual assessments for all students in Avenues for Success (AFS) and individual and/or group counseling, set-up referral and treatment services as warranted, and provide referrals and workshops for parents. The counselor will train and inform the community about AFS. One hundred freshmen will be eligible to participate from each of the schools. Youth Guidance (YG) will work with Northeastern Illinois University to coordinate the experiential (out-door) program component, and with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE) to expedite the completion of a project evaluation. The YG staff will participate in the required grant and Project Success training.

DELIVERABLES: YG will teach eight drug abuse and violence prevention student workshop lessons utilizing the Project Success curriculum, administer 100 student assessments per school, develop and implement a referral network reflecting student/parent service and treatment coordination, and coordinate the experiential education activities with other program components. YG will assist PIRE in completing the project evaluation by making reports, minutes of meetings, and school data available to the evaluator. YG will distribute and collect signed, informed consents for all participating students, and submit monthly program monitoring and financial reports to the Program Director. YG counselors will provide student and staff program orientations, and group and individual student counseling for identified at-risk students.

OUTCOMES: Consultant services will result in the following improvements in school performance for the participants in the Avenues for Success program. The participants will show: a 10-20% decrease in disciplinary actions as measured by misconduct reports; 15-25% decrease in truancy rate; and improved letter grades in the four core subjects.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: in three equal installments not to exceed \$345,600 in the aggregate for services rendered from February 27, 2003 to February 26, 2004.

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 the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because *the contract scope is not further divisible*.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Specialized Services-Pupil Support Services: \$345,600.
Budget Classification: 0965-239-312-8984-5410 Fiscal Year 2003
Source of Funds: Misc. Federal/State
Requisition Number: #pending

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.

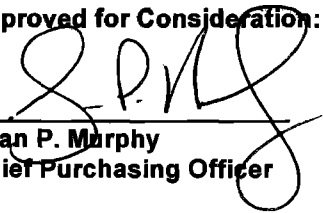
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

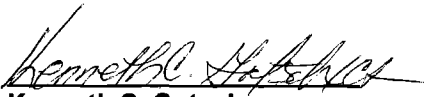
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

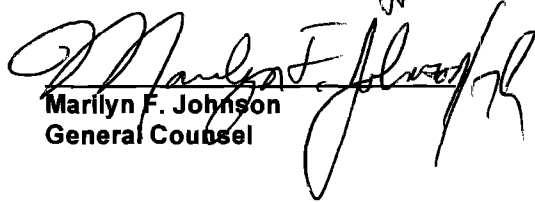
Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel