

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DARC CORPORATION
FOR APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with DARC Corporation to provide consulting services for the migration of the BOARDCON application to Oracle 11i for Board Report and M/WBE tracking to the Department of Procurement and Contracts at a cost not to exceed \$250,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because it provided quality services related to the development of this application to the satisfaction of the Chief Purchasing Officer. A written agreement for Consultant's 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.

SPECIFICATION NUMBER: 03-250153

CONSULTANT: DARC Corporation
125 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
Contact: Tom Brennan
312-338-5000 x108
Vendor #: 33664

USER: Department of Procurement and Contracts
125 S. Clark Street, 10th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Benjamin Ho, Director of Technology and Systems Management
773-553-2280

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 12 months thereafter, with the Board having the option to renew the agreement for two (2) additional 1-year periods.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement for any or no reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to the consultant

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Consultant will migrate the existing BOARDCON application to Oracle 11i. The Consultant will enhance the application to incorporate new business rules and processes, and reports. The consultant will also integrate BOARDCON with the Purchasing and Accounts Payables modules of Oracle. The consultant will also provide Project and Change management services throughout the project

DELIVERABLES: The consultant shall deliver the following:

1. Migration to upgrade to Oracle11i
2. Application Enhancements
3. Design and Development of new Reports
4. Integration with Purchasing Module of Oracle
5. Integration with Accounts Payable Module of Oracle
6. Data Conversion from Paper files and legacy databases
7. System Test
8. Documentation
9. Knowledge Transfer
10. Go-Live Support
11. Change Management
12. Project Management

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in the following:

1. The BOARDCON application will be implemented as a custom module of Oracle financials
2. Application will provide the capability to enter and track board reports and all corresponding information
3. Application will provide the capability of entering, tracking and reporting on MBE/WBE participation for CPS purchasing contracts

4. Application will provide the ability to record and track vendor payments to minority/women subcontractors.

COMPENSATION Consultant shall be paid at the rate of \$120 per hour for senior developer, and \$90 per hour for junior developer time, which rate includes all travel and out of pocket expenses. The estimated blended rate based upon projected utilization of senior and junior developers is \$103.75. Consultant shall be paid when invoiced upon the completion of each project milestone as detailed in the written agreement not to exceed the sum of \$250,000.

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 Purchasing 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 partial waiver of the participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan).

The Vendor has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Optima Business Systems, Inc. (AA) \$81,120.00/35%
1130 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 4009
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 554-1535
Contact: Dennis Bradley

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable for this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Procurements and Contracts: \$250,000 Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0240-454-000-9040-5410 Source of Funds: Capital Fund 454

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.

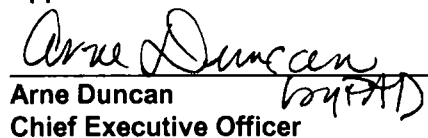
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

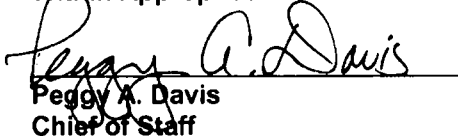
Approved for Consideration:


Sean Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

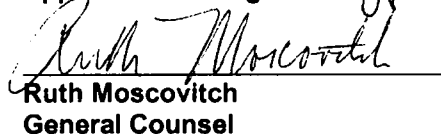
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation: 


Peggy A. Davis
Chief of Staff

Approved as to legal form: 


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel