

**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 Chicago Reading Initiative – Reading Excellence Act (REA) Program from September 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$157,607. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is identified by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as the consultant provider for Chicago's REA Grant.

CONSULTANT: Western Illinois University
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SCOPE OF SERVICES: Western Illinois University, acting as the lead partner of a consortium of universities contracted through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), provided training and staff development to district participants in the REA Grant. Throughout the state, seven partnering universities provided mini courses for classroom teachers and reading specialists and developed a Comprehensive Literacy Institute to help teachers develop classroom practices. Western Illinois University shall receive payment and disburse the funds to the various partnering universities.

DELIVERABLES: Services were rendered for five days per week every school week from September 2002 through June, 2003 for 15 schools.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services resulted in participating teachers having a repertoire of effective teaching strategies they can employ with their students.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid the lump sum of \$157,607.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A review of Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation was precluded due to services being completed.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Professional Development – Chicago Reading Initiative: \$157,607
Fiscal Year: '03
Source of Funds: REA Grant
Budget Classification:
0320-239-912-1049-5410

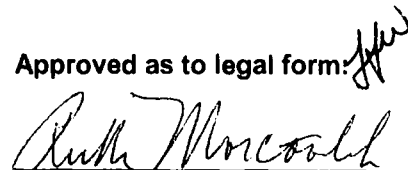
Approved for Consideration:


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