

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AHA! INTERACTIVE
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with AHA! Interactive to provide consulting services to the CPS Teachers Academy for Professional Development at a cost not to exceed \$74,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of their successful development of online software platforms for other Illinois-based educational institutions. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. 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 No.: 03-250215

CONSULTANT: AHA! Interactive
53 W. Jackson Blvd.
Suite 1135
Chicago, IL 60604
Todd Carter, (312) 922-9680
Vendor Number: 35086

USER: CPS Teachers Academy for Professional Development
1324 W. 14th Place
Chicago, IL 60608
Amanda Rivera, Director
(773) 534-6050

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence September 25, 2003 and shall end June 30, 2004. This agreement shall have no option to renew.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will provide enhancements to the GOLDEN Teachers Online (GTO) system to accommodate necessary changes to the existing system. These changes will include: the addition of the role of coaches and year two teachers, orientation and mentor training tracking, and additional mentor functionality. Upon completion of the design, Consultant will test the application for quality assurance. Consultant will also provide support for GTO application rollout.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services, will deliver bi-weekly status reports regarding the project status, and will deliver the completed application to the Department.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will improve the Department's ability to manage the new teacher induction program and will provide accurate, visible, and integrated data for reporting program results and compliance.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00 in two installments. Payments will be made as follows: \$37,000 at the commencement of the project and \$37,000 upon completion of the project and acceptance of the enhancements for the application by the Department.

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 Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Consultant agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation (M/WBE Plan).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to CPS Teachers Academy: \$74,000

Fiscal Year: 2003

Budget Classification: 0300-239-821-1572-5410 \$44,000
Source of Funds: Board Funds

0300-239-136-8984-5410 \$30,000
Source of Funds: Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant

Requisition Number:

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.

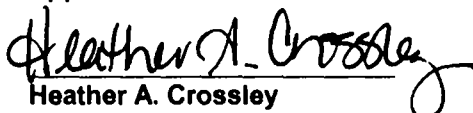
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

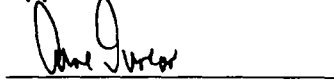
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

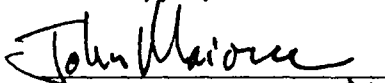
Approved for Consideration:


Heather A. Crossley
Chief Purchasing Officer

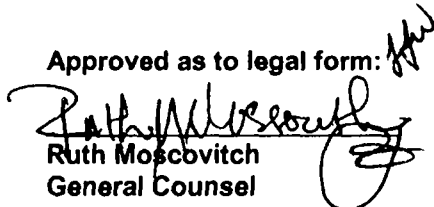
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel