

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING POINT ASSOCIATES
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Learning Point Associates to provide consulting services for assessments and professional development content to the eLearning Office (eLearning) at a cost not to exceed \$490,500.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis due to its qualifications, expertise and abilities to provide appropriate services specified in various grant applications. 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250285

CONSULTANT: Learning Point Associates
1120 E. Diehl Road, Suite 200
Naperville, Illinois 60563
Contact: Kathy Gunn
Telephone No.: (630) 649-6545
Vendor Number: 33897

USER: eLearning Office
Medill Technical and Professional Development Center
1326 West 14th Place – Room 104
Contact: Robert W. Runcie, Chief Information Officer
Sharnell Jackson, Chief Officer
Telephone No.: (773) 553-6260

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on January 29, 2004 and shall end June 30, 2004.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: Either party may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will conduct a gap analysis of eLearning's existing Professional Development offerings based on national and state technology standards for teachers and students and current scientifically-based research. Upon receiving eLearning's approval, Consultant will then conduct a series of assessments to determine CPS teachers' current level of knowledge and use of educational technology practices that directly support research-based instructional strategies aligned to CPS' Chicago Reading Initiative, technology literacy of students, and technology integration literacy of teachers and administrators. Based on the assessment, Consultant will provide: 1) Professional Development materials for teachers aligned to national and state technology standards and the Chicago Reading initiative, 2) technology literacy materials for eighth grade students and teachers, and 3) content for continuing assessment of the technology integration literacy of teachers and administrators and the technology literacy of eighth grade students. All materials and assessments will be developed and conducted according to appropriate standards for scientifically-based educational research, thereby enhancing the productivity and effectiveness of CPS teachers and enhancing student performance.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services, will deliver monthly status reports regarding the project status, and will deliver the completed application to eLearning

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in eLearning being able to provide a comprehensive continuum of professional development that will enable all CPS Teachers to meet national and state educational technology standards. Consultant's services will also enable eLearning to provide accurate, visible, and integrated data for reporting program results in a manner that is fully consistent with scientifically-based research and the requirements of Title II, Part D of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid monthly upon invoicing and verification, with total compensation not to exceed \$490,500.00.

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 Department of Instructional Technology Director 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% Hispanic; 2% Asian; and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a partial 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.

The vendor has, however, identified and scheduled the following original M/WBE firms/consultants and percentages:

Total 11% MBE:

Total 11% Hispanic:

Computer Services & Consulting, Inc.
1613 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60616
Contact: Carolyn Crozier

\$50,000.00 / 11%
Certification Expires: 10/1/04

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the eLearning Office Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0220-239-842-1112-5410 (\$490,500 from NCLB-Competitive)
Source of Funds: Illinois State Board of Education.

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.

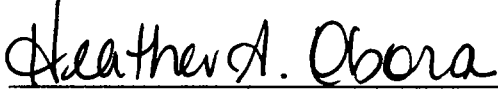
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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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.

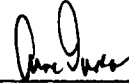
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obara
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John J. Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel