

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PPES INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with PPES Inc. to provide consulting services to Armstrong Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the unique services it can provide to Armstrong School. PPES has demonstrated expertise in providing such services, has represented that it has the requisite knowledge, skill, experience and other resources necessary to perform such services and is desirous of providing such services for the Board. 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.: 04-250014

CONSULTANT: PPES Inc.
P.O. Box 626
Oak Park, IL 60303
Contact: Phyllis Porter
(773) 626-7737
Vendor # 37491

USER: Armstrong Elementary School
5345 W. Congress Pky.
Chicago, IL 60644
Eugenia Bradfield, Principal
(773) 534-6365

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on April 1, 2004 and shall end June 18, 2004.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Consultant.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall provide teacher developed oral and written assessments, meet with grade levels for lesson planning curriculum alignment, instructional strategies and hold consultations with the principal making recommendations of observed teachers.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide Workshops (20 sessions) in the following areas: Improvement of instruction, Classroom Management, Student Centered Learning, Test Taking Strategies and Lesson Planning.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will 1) increase student achievement, 2) establish a student-centered learning climate, and 3) provide effective professional development activities.

COMPENSATION: Compensation shall be based on a daily rate of \$500 for each instructor provided by Consultant (all materials included) and \$500 per workshop (all materials included). Total compensation shall not exceed the sum of \$35,000.

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the prime is an independent consultant (100% African American).

LSC REVIEW: This action was approved by the LSC for Armstrong Elementary School on February 25, 2004.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Armstrong Elementary School: \$35,000
Budget Classification: 5700-239-860-7862-5410

Fiscal Year: 2003
Source of Funds: Reading First

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.

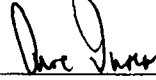
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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. Obora
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