

**RATIFY THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (Chicago Reading Initiative)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the renewal of the agreement with the University of Illinois at Chicago to provide consulting services to the Department of the Chief Education Officer for the Chicago Reading Initiative at a cost not to exceed \$156,000.00. These services were renewed without prior Board approval. A written renewal agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment for services rendered during the renewal period shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250034

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Consulting Agreement in the amount of \$43,7783.00 (authorized by Board Report 04-0428-PR20) is for a term commencing January 5, 2004 and ending June 30, 2004. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its extensive experience and expertise in its reading program and its demonstrated success in providing related services to CPS in the past

RENEWAL TERM: The term of this agreement is being renewed for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. This renewal agreement shall provide for one additional option to renew for a period of one year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall continue to assign Connie Bridge to oversee and coordinate the Chicago Reading Initiative Program (the "Program"). Services shall continue to include developing and planning the literacy curriculum, conducting and coordinating professional development services, creating various targeted initiatives to improve literacy, and providing continuing evaluations of the Program.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall continue to prepare and deliver curriculum materials for the various Program initiatives and shall prepare and deliver specific evaluations of the CPS reading specialists and the Saturday Academies Initiative.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in an increase in the number of students reading at or above grade level.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: a sum not to exceed \$156,000.00, due in one lump sum payment upon the completion of services.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreement. Authorize the Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the vendor is a university.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Literacy \$156,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0320-242-021-1049-5410 Source of Funds: Title I

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.

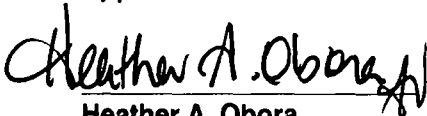
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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