

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL SPECIALTIES, INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

Approve entering into an agreement with Educational Specialties, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office of Instruction and School Management at a cost not to exceed \$719,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the unique administrative services it can provide to 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Consultant: Educational Specialties, Inc.
9923-27 S. Wood Street
Chicago, IL 60643
(773) 445-1000
Elois Steward
Vendor # 41806

User: Office of Instruction and School Management
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60601
Attn: Kristine Rull
(773) 553-2150

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on August 1, 2004 and shall end July 31, 2005 with two (2) options to renew for periods of one year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Educational Specialties will provide research studies to the Board with the data and data analysis related to evaluate of the effectiveness of various programs identified by the Office of Instruction and School Management. Educational Specialties will manage the retired principal corps according to guidelines delineated by the Office of Instruction and School Management. Educational Specialties will provide staff development services to schools to provide technical assistance in the areas of organization, curriculum instruction, and evaluation. Examples of services include: offering staff development in core curricular areas of instruction, assisting with the implementation of Children First activities, working with school administrators on leadership issues, providing sample lesson plans to teachers, assisting with parent and community partnerships, working with the schools to analyze test scores and providing diagnostic assistance from these scores.

DELIVERABLES: Deliverables will vary according to specifications of the Office of Instruction and School Management and requirements of each individual school.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in timely disbursements of funds for obligations, financial accountability and overall project audits. Consultant's services to the schools will result in increased student achievement, improved instructional management and effective professional development activities for teachers and parents/community involved with the schools.

COMPENSATION: Compensation shall be paid as invoices are submitted and verified, in an amount not to exceed \$719,000.00

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: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total 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 firms and percentages:

Total MBE 87%

Total 87% African American:

Sherye Garmony-Miller Independent Consultant \$72,000 18.4%
7725 S. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Il 60619

Edith Sims Independent Consultant \$24,000 6.15%
100 E. Huron
Chicago, Il 60611

Beverly LaCoste Independent Consultant \$27,000 6.92%
5149 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Il 60615

Kevin Matthews Independent Consultant \$34,000 8.70%
7845 S. Champlain
Chicago, IL:60619

Jessie Butts Independent Consultant \$15,000 3.8%
2901 South King Drive
Chicago, IL.60616

Brenda Daigre Independent Consultant \$14,500 3.70%
1916 E. 92nd Street.
Chicago, IL. 60617

Total WBE 13.0%

Shirley Ronan Independent Consultant \$15,900 4.0%
9510 S. Kolmar Ave.
Oak Lawn IL. 60453

Lenz & Associates Independent Consultant \$11,700 3.0%
5111 N. Oakley Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60625

Elizabeth A. Harrington Independent Consultant \$24,000 6.00%
1661 W. Carmen Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60640

Barbara Valerious Independent Consultant \$50,000
19131 Pierce Ave.
Homewood, Il 60430

Anne S. Coyne Independent Consultant \$50,000
1866 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, Il 60201

Constance Depaul Independent Consultant \$50,000
12 Berry Parkway
Park Ridge, Il 60068

Michael Polak Independent Consultant \$50,000
4007 N. Greenview
Chicago, Il 60613

Richard Gazda Independent Consultant \$50,000
1709 Highland Terrace
Glenview, Il 60025

Julia Palos Independent Consultant \$35,000
2106 S. Home Ave.
Berwyn, Il 60402

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Instruction and School Management: \$719,000.00
Budget Classification: 0400-210-000-7468-5410 \$538,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0953-210-000-2056-5410 \$118,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0310-210-000-1028-5410 \$63,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Source of Funds: General Fund

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 (95-0927-RU3), 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.

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:


HEATHER A. OBORA
Chief Purchasing Officer


ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


JOHN MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel