

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH ARTHUR L. BERMAN**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the option to renew the agreement with Arthur L. Berman to provide consulting services to External Affairs Department at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$65,000.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during the option period prior to the execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

CONSULTANT: Arthur L. Berman
6007 North Sheridan Road, Apt. 18A
Chicago, IL 60660
773-334-0304
Vendor # 34415

USER: External Affairs Department
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60603
Hosanna Mahaley
773-553-1460

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 03-0827-PR37) in the amount of \$65,000.00 is for a term commencing September 1, 2003 and ending August 31, 2004 with the Board having 1 option to renew for 1 year. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing September 1, 2004 and ending August 31, 2005.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall provide the following services: Advise, consult with and support the departments of intergovernmental affairs and external affairs pertaining to legislative matters, including development and implementation of the Chicago Public Schools legislative agenda. Consultant shall be available to perform such services three (3) days per week. In performance of such services, Consultant shall be provided with appropriate office space and secretarial services and have access to telephone, computer and other necessary telecommunications equipment.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will continue to attend meetings, interact with elected officials and provide reports as requested pertaining to legislative activities.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in timely input and support of the CPS legislative agenda.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid during this option period as follows: For services rendered, equal monthly installments of \$5000.00 plus reimbursable expenses stated below; not to exceed \$65,000.00 per annum.

REIMBURSABLES EXPENSES: Consultant shall be reimbursed for the following expenses: Reasonable out-of-pocket business expenses actually incurred on behalf of the Board, including travel, telephone, public transportation and incidentals, as approved by the Chief of Staff, not to exceed \$5,000 per annum.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The vendor for this contract is an independent consultant (100% non-minority).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Chief of Staff: \$65,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0130-210-000-7870-5410 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.

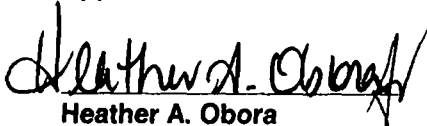
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

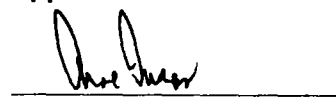
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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