APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOLASTIC, INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Scholastic, Incorporated for the purchase of instructional materials and services for the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$196,428.13. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided or materials received and no payment shall be made to vendor 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.

VENDOR: Scholastic, Incorporated

P.O. Box 7502 Jefferson City, MO 65102-9968

Contact Person: Valerie Coffman

(815) 923-2042 (847) 922-0652 Vendor #: 14970

USER: Office of Specialized Services

125 S. Clark Street – 8th Floor

Chicago, IL 60603

Contact person: Renee Grant-Mitchell, Ed. D.

773-553-1804

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence upon execution of the agreement and shall end January 25, 2007.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE: The instructional materials to be purchased are known as "Read 180". This curriculum provides comprehensive reading intervention for struggling students. In addition, vendor will provide the following services and software licenses: pre-installation technical audit to assure that the appropriate hardware and peripherals are in place at each school site and classroom; implementation training for principals, administrators and teachers; two licenses for the Scholastic Red Professional Development online course, READ 180: Best Practices for Reading Intervention; website maintenance for READ 180 teachers and administrators; and vendor's standard technical service plan.

OUTCOMES: The READ 180 reading intervention program will help students make quantifiable gains in reading achievement. This curriculum will provide the regular daily reading instruction, flexible grouping and intervention support that struggling readers need.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$196,428.13 in the aggregate.

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 Chief Officer of Specialized Services to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan). The M/WBE participation goals for the contract include: 15% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

The vendor has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE: 15%

Advance Computer Technical Group 7.5% Certification Expires: August 1, 2007

805 W. Randolph, Suite 200

Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 738-2284

Contact: Allison D. McGowan

Rico Computer Enterprises, Inc. 7.5% Certification Expires: January 16, 2006

7022 W. 73rd Place Chicago, IL 60638 (708) 594-7426 Contact: John Rico

Total WBE: 5%

NJW Associates 5% Certification Expires: April 1, 2006

35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 3450

Chicago, IL 60601-(312) 464-1999

Contact: Norma J. Williams-Marshall

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$196,428.13 Fiscal Year: 2006

Budget Classification: 0966-210-000-1608-5410 Source of Funds: General Education Funds

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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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).

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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:

Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel