

**RATIFY EXERCISING THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT
WITH LOWERY MCDONNELL COMPANY
TO PROVIDE OFFICE/CLASSROOM AND LIBRARY FURNITURE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify exercising the option to extend the agreement with Lowery McDonnell Company to provide office/classroom and library furniture to Department of Operations at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor 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.

VENDOR: Lowery McDonnell Company
1280 Mark Street
Bensenville, Illinois 60106
Scott Mills
(630) 227-1000
Scott Mills
Vendor # 33924

USER: Department of Operations/Capital Planning
125 South Clark-16th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Ronald Lee
(773) 553-2164

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 04-0324-PR5, as amended by Board Reports 04-0728-PR16 and 06-0222-PR1) is for a term commencing April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2006, with the Board having (2) two options to renew for twelve (12) month periods. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly adversary Bid Solicitation (Specification No. 03-250281).

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for a term commencing April 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is (1) one option period for (12) twelve months remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Vendor shall continue to provide office, classroom and library furniture as itemized in the written agreement for all Chicago Public Schools including delivery, installation, labor, assembly and cleanup.

DELIVERABLES: Lowery McDonnell Company shall continue to deliver office, classroom and library furniture to the Chicago Public Schools for new schools, additions, modulars, leased facilities, renovation projects, and existing facilities. Vendor shall also install furniture, assemble furniture and clean-up as specified in the written agreement.

OUTCOMES: Lowery McDonnell Company's services will result in the management of the ordering, delivery and installation of all furniture to be supplied to schools.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid as follows during the extension period: based upon the actual items ordered at the specified unit prices in the written agreement in an amount during the extension period not to exceed the sum \$3,000,000.

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 Chief Operating Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option 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).

The M/WBE goals for the contract are: 26% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

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

Total MBE - 26%

Moreno & Sons, Inc. (H)
2366 Plainfield Road, Route 30
Crest Hill, Illinois 60435 certified through 05/31/06

Midwest Moving & Storage, Inc. (H)
1255 Tonne Road
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 certified through 09/01/06

Total WBE - 5%

El-Mar Office Supply, Inc.
22 Congress Circle West
Roselle, IL 60172 certified through 05/01/06

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Operation: \$3,000,000 Fiscal Year: FY07
Budget Classification: 0948-467-000-9546-5731
Source of Funds: Capital 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.

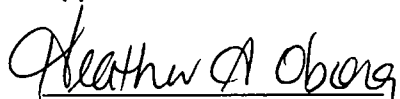
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

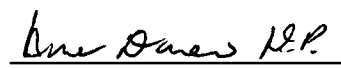
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



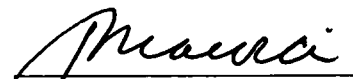
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



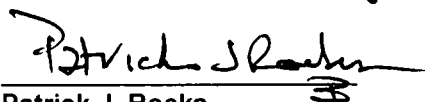
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form. 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel