

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLASSROOM CONNECT, INCORPORATED
FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Classroom Connect, Incorporated for the purchase of professional development materials and services for the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$162,450.00. 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 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: Classroom Connect, Incorporated
8000 Marina Blvd., Suite 100
Brisbane, CA 94005

Contact Person: Paul E. Finer
(650) 589-8326
Vendor #: 28046

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 on May 25, 2006 and shall end May 31, 2007.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE: The professional development materials to be purchased are known as "eSchool Online professional development modules". These modules will provide opportunities for 1,100 teachers and administrators to participate in web based training that incorporates video and web content to present, explain, demonstrate and model researched based best practice strategies that impact student achievement. In addition, vendor will provide the following services and support: produce and deliver 3 eSchool Online professional development modules presented in a multiple media delivery format, port application and supporting web-based content to hosting environment for on-demand access through the Internet, web hosting, implementation training for Office of Specialized Services administrators; website maintenance and telephone technical support for teachers and administrators using Online modules.

Classroom Connect will provide ongoing follow-up and technical support services to the Office of Specialized Services thru May 31, 2007, at no additional cost to the Board.

OUTCOMES: The eSchool Online professional development modules will enable educators continual access to updated standards, policies, regulations and knowledge of researched based best practice strategies relating to educating students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. Participants will have access to examples of teaching strategies that lead to increased student achievement.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$162,450.00 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: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE and 5% WBE participation. However, the Waiver Committee recommends that a partial waiver of the MBE participation goal for this contract as required by the Revised Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

The vendor however, identified and scheduled the following firm and percentage:

Total WBE 5.8%

Juneteenth Productions **5.8%**
1807 W. Sunnyside Ave, Suite 2C
Chicago, IL 60640

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$162,450.00 Fiscal Year: 2006
Budget Classification: 0966-220-742-7727-5410 - \$162,450.00
Source of Funds: ISBE – Professional Development Academies Grant

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.

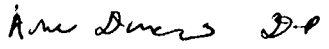
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:

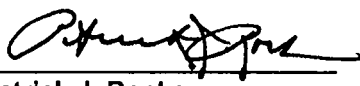

Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form 


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel