

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with 7 vendors identified on Attachment A for the purchase of specialized educational supplies to the Office of Specialized Services at an aggregate cost not to exceed \$344,800. Vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement with each vendor is available for signature. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to any vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each vendor in the event a written agreement for such vendor is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

VENDORS: See Attachment A

USER: Office of Specialized Services
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Contact: Renee Grant-Mitchell Ed.D.
Phone: (773) 553-1800

TERM: The term of these agreements shall commence on May 25, 2006 and shall end May 31, 2008. These agreements shall have one option to renew for a period of two years. Prices will be re-negotiated at the time of the renewal.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASES: Vendors shall provide specialized educational supplies in one or more of the following categories as indicated on Attachment A:

1. **Assistive Technology:** These supplies include assistive technology items such as adaptive, listening, reading and writing tools, dycem, head pointers, switches, switch mounts, sensory toys, switch toys, battery adapters, software, assessment tools, cassette players, language masters and audio cards, touch windows, expanded and mini keyboards, joysticks, trackballs, Braille writers, magnifiers, computer bags, backpacks and storage bins.
2. **Speech and Language:** These supplies can be used (i) both in and out of the classroom with students who present communication disorders, feeding problems and phonological disorders, (ii) to improve articulation, auditory processing, phonemic awareness, expressive language, listening skills, thinking skills, vocabulary expansion, fluency and voice problems, and (iii) to improve oral motor and feeding skills, as incentives and motivators.
3. **Early Childhood, Severe/Profound, and Autism Program:** These supplies include manipulative, toys, games, sensory items, gross motor items, specialized scissors, crayons, arts and crafts items, switch toys, communication boards and specialized thematic materials for preschool children with disabilities. These supplies also include dramatic play items, teacher resources, and items for multi-sensory environments, vocational supplies and augmentative communication devices for students with disabilities.
4. **Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired Program:** These supplies are designed to assist students with visual and hearing problems and include such items as otoscopes, ear molds, tools for repair and maintenance of hearing aids and FM systems, specialized tape recorders, headsets, sign language tapes, talking calculators, watches, assistive alerting devices, language masters, low vision aids and mobility devices.

5. Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy and Health Related: These supplies include Velcro, splinting supplies, therabands, gait trainers, weighted vests, helmets, safety belts, trays, adapted positioning devices, weighted pencils, mounting systems, supplies for feeding, toileting and cleaning, and video and audio training tapes.

OUTCOMES: Supplies provided by the vendors will enable the Board to fulfill students' IEP requirements and will enhance students' abilities to participate in school and maximize learning.

COMPENSATION: Vendors shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$344,800.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$344,800.00 Fiscal Year: 2007

Budget Classifications: Source of Funds: Various

0966-210-000-2740-5320	\$ 10,710
0966-210-000-2760-5320	\$ 1,490
0965-210-000-2790-5320	\$ 49,000
0966-220-372*-2685-5320	\$100,000
0966-220-372*-2711-5320	\$ 25,000
0966-220-372*-2718-5320	\$ 31,500
0966-220-372*-2738-5320	\$ 87,600
0966-220-372*-2772-5320	\$ 35,000
0966-220-372*-2794-5320	\$ 4,500

*Project # subject to change in subsequent fiscal years

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.

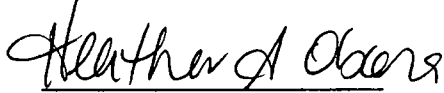
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



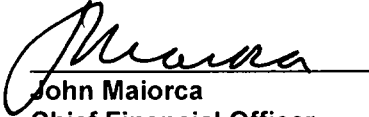
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



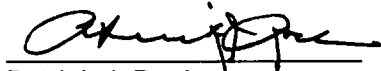
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel

Attachment A

Vendors of Educational Supplies (Specification # 05-250072)

1. Attainment Company
504 Commerce Parkway
Verona, WI 53593-0160
(800) 327-4269
Contact: Brent Denu
Vendor #18842
Categories: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
2. Don Johnston, Inc.
26799 West Commerce Drive
Volo, IL 60073
(800) 999-4660
Contact: Bob Keller
Vendor #42654
Categories: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
3. Harrison and Company
970 North Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 202
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 782-6077
Contact: Mary Grace Harrison
Vendor #20899
Categories: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
4. Lakeshore Learning Materials
2695 East Dominguez Street
Carson, CA 90895
(800) 421-5354/(310) 537-8600
Contact: Adrienne Hilliard
Vendor #18171
Categories: 2, 3, 4 & 5
5. PCI Education
PO Box 34270
San Antonio, TX 78265-4270
(800) 594-4263 Ext. 205
Contact: Marisa Rodriguez
Vendor #15527
Categories: 1, 2 & 3
6. Phonic Ear, Inc.
3880 Cypress Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954-7600
(800) 227-0735
Contact: Celia Laico
Vendor #15252
Category: 4
7. S&S Worldwide, Inc.
75 Mill Street
Colchester, CT 06415
(800) 243-9232
Contact: Paula M. Ward
Vendor #13426
Categories: 3 & 5