

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VION
FOR HITACHI TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with ViON to provide technology equipment from Hitachi America, Ltd. to Chicago Public Schools Information & Technology Services (ITS) at a cost not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. The vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because it is the only vendor that sells this equipment, which is necessary to meet the needs of the district's technology infrastructure. A written agreement for the vendor's equipment is currently being negotiated. No equipment shall be provided by the vendor and no payment shall be made to the 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: ViON
1055 Thomas Jefferson St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007-3840
Contact Person: Robert Bryar
Phone #: (630) 258-8686
Vendor No: 52926

USER: Information & Technology Services
Chicago Public Schools
125 S. Clark Street, 3rd floor
Contact Person: Robert Runcie, CIO
Arshele Stevens, Director of Infrastructure Services
Phone #: (773) 553-1300

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 12 months thereafter. This agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of one year each.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Vendor will provide equipment and technical support, which includes BladeSymphony enterprise servers and any necessary associated peripherals.

DELIVERABLES: Vendor will provide the following deliverables, based on agreed-upon scope of work, meeting the Board's specified requirements:

- o BladeSymphony enterprise servers
- o Associated peripherals
- o Technical and problem-resolution support
- o Installation support
- o Training

OUTCOMES: As a result of this new equipment, the district's enterprise infrastructure will experience improved performance and reliability. This will allow the Board to extend the capabilities of currently installed software and experience shorter resolution time for major issues, especially for the enterprise-wide student information system (IMPACT). This will result in better performance time and faster issue-resolution with IMPACT Student Information Management, Specialized Services Management, Curriculum & Instructional Management, and the new IMPACT Gradebook.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the pricing set forth in this agreement; total not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

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 Information Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This is exempt because of the unique nature of the equipment.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Information & Technology Services (ITS) \$1,200,000.00.
Budget Classification: 12510-436-55005-009594-000000 2008

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.

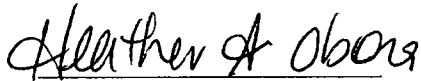
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

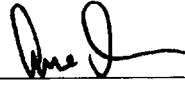
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



**Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer**

Approved:



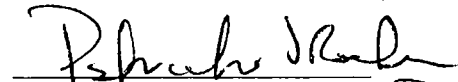
**Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer**

Within Appropriation:



**Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer**

Approved as to legal form:



**Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel**