

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH CHALK, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with CHALK, LLC to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services Least Restrictive Environment ("LRE") Monitored Programs and Instruction at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$156,000.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant 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.

CONSULTANT: CHALK, LLC
2647 W. Wilson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625
Contact: Maria Condu
312/213-2099
Vendor # 96657

USER: Office of Specialized Services
125 S. Clark Street, 8th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact: Rebecca Clark or Debbie Duskey
773/553-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-1219-PR25) in the amount of \$156,000.00 is for a term commencing July 16, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, with the Board having 2 options to renew for 12 month terms. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for 12 months commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is 1 option period of 12 months remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will continue to provide expert consultation and support to the Office of Specialized Services LRE Monitored Programs and Instruction. Consultant will continue to complete specific LRE and Instruction projects and other educational tasks as requested by the Office of Specialized Services. These projects include developing a process to enhance the existing Education Connection ("EC") monitoring program, modeling EC program monitoring visits, creating a system for ongoing LRE consultant management, and identifying LRE model school programs. In addition, Consultant will create four Individualized Education Program ("IEP") training modules to help build system-wide consistency in writing quality IEPs.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will develop and complete the following:

1. Monthly summary of activities detailing the amount of time spent and description of each activity.
2. A process submitted to the Director of LRE for the EC monitoring programs for which to train CPS staff. The process will include: (i) guidelines to prepare the school for the visit; (ii) guidelines for during the visit; and (iii) guidelines for report writing.
3. Rubrics to be utilized by LRE staff, Special Education Administrators (SEAs) and EC Consultants based on effective EC monitoring visits.
4. Reports for use by the LRE Monitored Programs based on EC school visits as requested by the OSS.

5. Training and classroom observation guidelines and rubrics for use by LRE Staff, SEAs and EC Consultants on the Elementary Instructional Support Options (ISOs).
6. Training modules on topics to be determined by the Director of Instruction relating to best practices in instructing students with disabilities in the LRE. Modules will include PowerPoints, speaking points and handouts.

OUTCOMES: Services provided by Consultant will result in the following:

1. Quality instruction for students in the LRE.
2. A developed process for effective LRE monitoring visits.
3. LRE program capacity building and consistency among CPS staff.
4. System-wide consistency in IEP writing.
5. Identified model LRE programs in schools based on specific criteria.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: an hourly rate of \$70 for Maria Conduis and an hourly rate of \$60 for Linda Lara, for a maximum of 1,200 hours per employee and a total sum not to \$156,000.00. There will be no additional reimbursement for expenses or overtime.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in partial compliance with the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts. The Consultant has identified and scheduled the following:

Total WBE – 100%

Maria Conduis – 50%
2647 West Wilson
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Independent Consultant

Linda Lara – 50%
7525 North LeClaire
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Independent Consultant

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

FINANCIAL:

Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$156,000.00

Fiscal Year: 2009

Budget Classifications:

11670-220-54125-261006-462040*

Source of Funds: IDEA Part B Flowthru Instruction

11670-220-54125-221010-462040*

Source of Funds: IDEA Part B Flowthru Instruction

*Grant number 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.

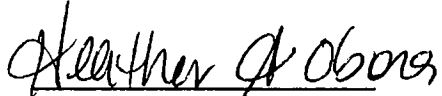
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

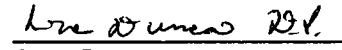
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



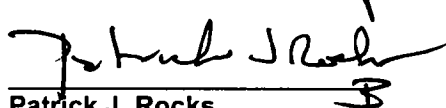
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel