

APPROVE PAYMENT TO MOUSE, INC. FOR TRAINING AND SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS' TECHCREW ELEARNING PROGRAM**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve payment to MOUSE, Inc. ("Vendor") for providing training and support for the Chicago Public Schools' TechCrew program, which was held in 50 schools during the 2007-08 school year, in the amount of \$45,996.35. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because MOUSE, Inc. is the only organization of its kind, and was formed specifically in order to support programs such as TechCrew at Chicago Public Schools.

VENDOR: MOUSE, Inc.
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Contact: Ted Bongiovanni
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Vendor #: 44021

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Contact: Victor Herrera
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SCOPE OF SERVICES:

TechCrew is a CPS after-school program that trains and runs technology help desks in Chicago Public Schools. The Vendor's specialty is to assist with the establishment and management of student-run technology help desks in high schools. Vendor provided access to the MOUSE Web site and provided support for TechCrew coaches and TechCrew students, from up to 75 Chicago Public Schools.

Through the Web site, the Vendor guided students as they became MOUSE-certified technicians. The site helped TechCrew coaches track student progress, measure program impact, and establish a virtual operational base. The Vendor also supported TechCrew by providing onsite training for 50 CPS faculty advisors. Finally, the Vendor provided registration for up to 10 faculty advisors, for an educator's conference run by the Vendor.

DELIVERABLES:

- District license fee for the MOUSE program and access to The Vendor's eLearning Web site
- 75 MOUSE Squad school kits. Each kit contained a curriculum CD-ROM, MOUSE Squad DVD, 1 GB USB drive loaded with resources, five posters, and a computer tool kit.
- Two days of workshops by an onsite MOUSE-certified trainer. Workshops were for 50 faculty advisor participants.
- Web-based support for MOUSE-certified trainers
- Registration for up to 10 faculty advisors to attend the MOUSE Educators Conference. The conference, which was held in New York City, included a full day of professional development, community building activities, and development of MOUSE best practices.
- Print materials to provide students and coaches. Two hundred student guides and 35 implementation guides were distributed.

OUTCOMES:

MOUSE and TechCrew provide CPS schools with high-quality student-run technology help desk support. Schools are able to help support and maintain their technology for little or no cost.

Additionally, and more importantly, TechCrew students develop project management skills, build a technology community in their school, and gain organizational skills and a sense of responsibility. These skills support students' growth academically, personally, and socially, and give students more opportunities to succeed upon graduation.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid the sum of \$45,996.35, per the invoice from the 2007-08 school year.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A review of Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation was precluded due to completed contract performance.

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

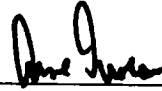
FINANCIAL: Charge to Information and Technology Services: \$45,996.35
12510-354-53306-261112-497134 FY08 \$45,996.35 (PO # 1554754)

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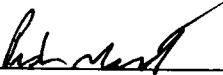
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



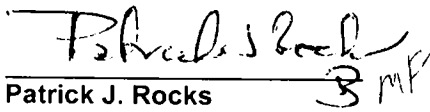
Arne Duncan
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Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



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General Counsel