

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF
EARLY CHILDHOOD ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Teaching Strategies for the purchase of an electronic portfolio system for the collection of early childhood assessment and planning data to be used for early childhood programs at a cost for the option period not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$669,000. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because they are the developers of the electronic reporting and assessment system. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor 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.

VENDOR: Teaching Strategies
7101 Wisconsin Ave
Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 634-0818
Suzanne P. Scheel
Vendor# 90907

USER: Office of Early Childhood Education
125 South Clark Street, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Paula A. Cottone
(773) 553-2018

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-1024-PR14 and amended by Board Report 08-0625-PR25) in the amount of \$669,000.00 is for a term commencing November 1, 2007 and ending October 31, 2009, with the Board having two (2) options to renew for two (2) year terms.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for two (2) years commencing November 1, 2009 and ending October 31, 2011.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one (1) option period for two (2) years remaining.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:

Services: Electronic Portfolio System (\$307,500)
Implementation Fee (\$9,000)
Modifications for Reporting and Access to Children and Youth Services entered children (\$18,000)
Quantity: Portfolios for 30,000 Children ages 0-5
Unit Price: \$10.25
Total Cost Not to Exceed: An aggregate amount of \$669,000

OUTCOMES: This purchase will allow preschool teachers to build and store electronic portfolios for each child that includes observation notes, assessment information, and digital examples of the child's work. CreativeCurriculum.net is the country's leading integrated online assessment, program planning, and reporting system. The system allows for the integration of curriculum, assessment and communication with parents and administrators. Teachers will use the planning tools to create integrated lesson plans and group children by developmental level for instruction. They may then select from hundreds of activities designed to meet the strengths and needs of individual children. The system will also enable teachers to prepare and produce reports for families, other teachers and administrators to show children's progress on the selected goals and objectives of the Creative Curriculum for Preschool, the Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, Early Learning Standards, and Head Start Outcomes.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$669,000.

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 Barbara Bowman, Chief Officer of the Office of Early Childhood Education to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, this contract is exempt from MBE/WBE review, as funding for the agreement is provided through the Early Childhood State Block Grant.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Early Childhood Education: \$669,000
Budget Classification: 11385-115-54105-111085-376619
Source of Funds: ECBG – Early Childhood Block Grant (State of Illinois)
Fiscal Year: 2010 & 2011

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.

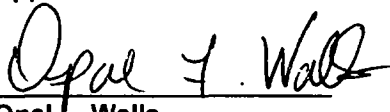
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

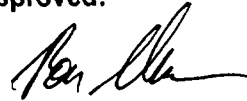
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



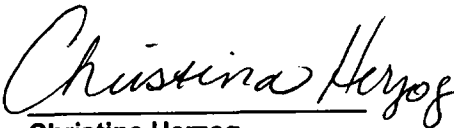
Opal L. Walls
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



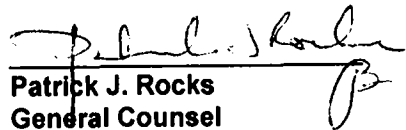
Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Christina Herzog
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel