

**RATIFY EXERCISING OPTION TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH NCS PEARSON, INC. FOR  
PURCHASE OF SCANNABLE ANSWER SHEETS**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify exercising an option to renew an agreement with NCS Pearson, Inc. for the purchase of CASE scannable answer sheets for the Office of Accountability at a cost not to exceed \$74,313.55. The renewal occurred without prior Board approval. Renewal agreement is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor during the option period prior to the execution of the written option agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specifications No.: 00-250207

**VENDOR:** NCS Pearson, Inc.  
F/K/A National Computer Systems, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9365  
Minneapolis, MN 55440  
Contact Person: Debbie Gallentine  
Phone No.: (800) 533-0518  
Vendor No.: 21185

**USER:** Office of Accountability  
125 S. Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Contact Person: Adalbert Kouba  
Phone No.: (773) 553-2335

**ORIGINAL BOARD REPORT:** The original agreement (authorized by BR 99-1215-PR25) was for a term commencing December 15, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. The original agreement provided for two one-year options to renew.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of this agreement is being extended for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There is one option period for one year remaining.

**DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:** The scan forms consist of 11 test forms/answer sheets for the Chicago Academic Standards Examinations (CASE). There will be 623,308 forms purchased covering first and second semester CASE exams for the 2000-2001 school year.

<u>GOODS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>
11 Test Scan Forms (CASE EXAMS) - First Semester	311,654	\$36,249.30
11 Test Scan Forms (CASE EXAMS) - Second Sem.	311,654	\$38,064.25

Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$74,313.55, including packaging, special labeling and shipping.

**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 Chief Accountability Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option document.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Economic participation (M/WBE Plan)

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Accountability \$74,313.55  
Budget Classification: 0920-210-461-1048-5310

Fiscal Year: 2001  
Source of Funds: Educational Fund

**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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.


Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), 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).

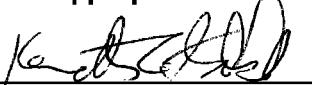
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Natalye Paquin  
Chief Purchasing Officer

**Approved:**

  
Paul G. Vallas  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel