

**RATIFY EXERCISING OPTION TO RENEW ON-SITE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS  
WITH NCS PEARSON, INC.**

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

Ratify exercising the option to renew two on-site maintenance agreements with NCS Pearson, Inc. for scanner equipment used by the Office of Accountability to scan and score various tests including the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency at a cost not to exceed \$44,088.00. The renewals occurred without prior Board approval. In accordance with the terms of the existing maintenance agreements, renewal is effectuated by payment of the annual maintenance charges. Therefore no written documentation regarding these renewals is required. Information pertinent to each agreement is stated below.

**Specification No.:** 00-250847

**VENDOR:** NCS Pearson, Inc.  
F/K/A National Computer Systems, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9365  
Minneapolis, MN 55440  
Contact Person: Cathy Eckstrom  
Phone No.: (800) 336-3426  
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:** These maintenance agreements were originally entered into in 1997 with each agreement's start date determined by the agreed date of equipment installation. They have both been renewed annually ever since, with the most recent annual renewal being exercised under Board Report 00-0726-PR8.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term is being extended for the period commencing September 1, 2000 and ending August 31, 2001 for the Opscan 21/100 OMR Scanners and for the period commencing November 1, 2000 and ending October 31, 2001 for the 5000I Image Scanner.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** These on-site maintenance agreements provide for unlimited renewals which are effectuated by payment of an annual license fee.

**USE OF EQUIPMENT:** The Opscan 21/100 OMR and the 5000I Image Scanner, bar code readers, printers and workstations are used to scan and score standardized achievement tests and other data collection forms. This firm is the sole supplier of this patented equipment.

**MAINTENANCE FEES:** Maintenance charges shall be paid in lump sums of \$14,892.00 for the 5000I Image Scanner and \$29,196.00 for the Opscan 21/100 OMR for a total of \$44,088.00.

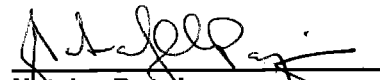
**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the Chief Accountability Officer to approve and exercise a maximum of two additional annual renewals of these license agreements providing that the annual cost of the renewals is less than \$32,500.00 for the Opscan 21/100 OMR Scanners and \$13,500.00 for the 5000I Image Scanner.

**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).

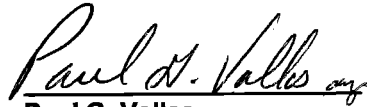
**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Accountability \$44,088.00      Fiscal Year: 2001  
Budget Classification: 0920-239-541-1029-5470      Source of Funds: Misc.Fed/State Blk Grants

**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Natalye Paquin  
Chief Purchasing Officer

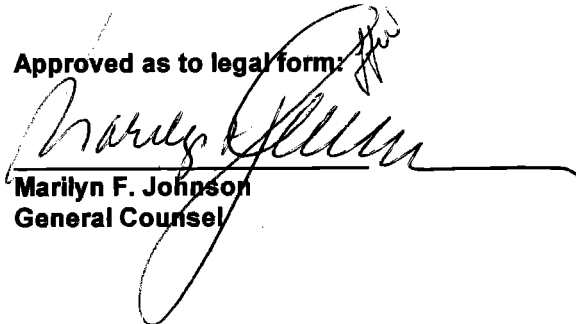
**Approved:**

  
Paul G. Vallas  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel