

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH METRITECH, INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with MetriTech, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office of Language, Cultural and Early Childhood Education at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. Consultant was selected based on a non-competitive basis based on the consultant's expertise and past involvement in the development and scoring of the CPS-MetriTech English Language proficiency Test (ELPT) series for English Language Learners (ELLs). A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and no payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 00-250540

CONSULTANT: MetriTech, Inc.
4106 Fieldstone Road
Champaign, IL 61821
Contact Person: Dr. Anne Kilian
Phone: (217) 398-4868
Vendor # 21151

USER: Office of Language and Cultural Education
125 South Clark Street, 11th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact Person: Armando M. Almendarez
Phone: (773) 553 - 1930

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 12 months thereafter. This agreement shall have (2) options to renew for periods of 12 months each. The cost for the option period shall be \$120,000.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board and the Consultant shall have the right to terminate the agreement with 90 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The consultant will score the spring 2001 English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) booklets (listening, reading and writing) responded by 28,000 K-2 English Language Learners. After scoring, the consultant will continue to prepare printed and electronic reports of the individual student's scores on the three tests. These reports will be prepared no later than 60 days after the consultant receives the tests from the schools.

DELIVERABLES: MetriTech, Inc. will provide student score reports both in print and electronically. These score reports will be delivered to the Office of Language and Cultural Education within 60 days after the tests to be scored are delivered to the Consultant.

OUTCOMES: Consultant services will result in schools receiving English language proficiency listening, reading and writing scores that will be used in the fall.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid during this option period in one lump sum, not to exceed the sum of \$110,000.

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The services and products to be delivered by this vendor are subject to the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for M/WBE Economic Participation. Every good faith effort will be made by this vendor to achieve compliance with the applicable goals.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: The Office of Language and Cultural Education : \$120,000 Fiscal Year: 2001
Budget Classification: 0460-239-962-1052-5410 Source of Funds: State 239

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.

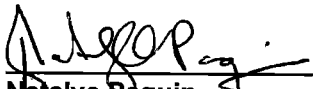
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted 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:



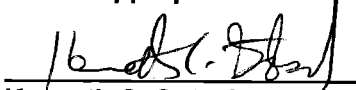
Natalie Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

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