

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT  
WITH FACT FINDERS GROUP, INC.**

**THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Fact Finders Group, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office of the Inspector General at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$40,000. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant 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 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:** Fact Finders Group, Inc.  
1617 E. 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60615  
(773) 955-5898  
Vendor #30641

**USER:** Office of the Inspector General  
310 South Michigan, Suite 1300  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Maribeth Vander Weele  
(773) 534-8711

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Consulting Agreement (authorized by Board Report 00-0524-IG3) in the amount of \$75,000, is for a term commencing June 24, 2000 and ending June 23, 2001, with the Board having the option to extend the agreement for 2 additional one year periods.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of this agreement is being extended for one year commencing June 24, 2001, and ending June 23, 2002.

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The consultant will continue to provide investigative services to the Office of the Inspector General and will investigate allegations assigned to it in a professional and efficient manner.

**DELIVERABLES:** The consultant will continue to provide complete written investigative reports including the case reports, evidence, written statements from the interviews of witnesses and subjects and will provide recommendations for improving the school system or for correcting material weaknesses in board processes. The consultant will testify at hearings and/or trials related to the investigative reports.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in complete investigations of allegations.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid during this option period at the same hourly rates contained in the original agreement, not to exceed the sum of \$40,000.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** Consultant shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses that are detailed and approved by the Inspector General. Reimbursable expenses shall not exceed \$3,500. The total compensation amount reflected herein is inclusive of all reimbursable expenses.

**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 the Inspector General to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the revised Remedial Plan for Minority Women and Business Enterprise Economic Participation (M/WBE plan).

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of the Inspector General: \$40,000 Fiscal Year: 2001  
Budget Classification: 0011-210-000-1080-5410 \$20,000  
0011-210-000-1034-5410 \$20,000  
Source of Funds: General Education Fund 210

**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.


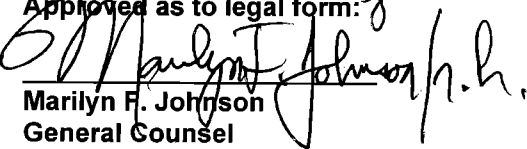
Indebtedness – The Board’s Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:   
  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel