

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE
FOR A TEACHER ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Wilbur Wright College to provide a teacher assistant certification program to the Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development at a cost not to exceed \$95,000. Provider was selected on a non-competitive basis due to its expertise in recruiting and assisting individuals to obtain paraprofessional certificates. A written agreement is currently being negotiated. The Provider shall provide no services and no payment shall be made to Provider 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to the agreement is stated below.

PROVIDER: Wilbur Wright College
4300 North Narragansett Avenue
Chicago, IL. 60603
Contact Person: Chuck Guengerich
(773) 777-7900
Vendor #: 38827

USER: Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development
Medill Professional Training Center
1326 West 14th Place, Room 313
Contact Person: Ana Espinoza
773/553-6280

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2001 and shall end August 31, 2002. This agreement shall have 3 options to renew for periods of one-year each.

TEACHER ASSISTANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Teacher Assistants play a significant role in enhancing the quality of education received by public school students. Teacher Assistants are required to have 30 hours of college credit, though the credits do not necessarily follow any specific programmatic pattern. Wright College in consultation with Chicago Public Schools has developed a program for the development of Teacher Assistants designed to directly relate to the needs of the Chicago Public Schools to improve student performance in the areas of mathematics and reading.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Wright College shall provide a 3-semester teacher assistant certificate program for up to 20 CPS parent volunteers in the Humboldt Park/Annenberg Project Area. The basic certificate program shall consist of six (6) courses (18 credits) designed to help Teacher Assistants help students in improving their basic reading and mathematics skills, with the focus on the reading and mathematics skills of the Teacher Assistants and on their ability to work with students in a small group setting. Wright College shall provide participants with free child care and educational materials as well as student stipends to defer transportation costs. Participants will be responsible for paying their own tuition but will be eligible for financial aid through Wright College. All participants are subject to placement tests to determine eligibility; previous City College students must also meet course prerequisites.

If this agreement is renewed, Wright College shall also offer an advanced certificate program consisting of six (6) courses (18 credits) to participants who successfully complete the basic certificate program that will enhance the Teacher Assistants' ability to help students develop in the areas of reading and mathematics.

DELIVERABLES: Wright College will provide: 1) a 3 semester (2 courses/term) teacher assistant certification program to up to 20 participants, 2) program recruitment, 3) stipends to participants, 4) educational materials to participants, 5) child care for participants with children and 6) a written evaluation of the program as well as a list of participants who successfully complete the program.

OUTCOMES: Wright College's certification program will result in up to 20 participants receiving their Teacher Assistant certification and the recruitment of certified Teacher Assistants for potential employment by Chicago Public Schools.

COMPENSATION: Provider will be reimbursed for program development, student stipend, child care, and education materials costs and will be paid in three (3) equal installments as follows: one-third shall be paid upon contract signing, one-third shall be paid on January 1, 2002 and one-third shall be paid June 1, 2002, with total compensation not to exceed \$95,000.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: In accordance with the master agreement between the Board and City Colleges, City Colleges agrees to abide by its own affirmative action requirements.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Teachers Academy for Professional Development: \$40,000

Fiscal Year: 2001-2002

Budget Classification: 0951-210-000-7862-5410

Source of Funds: Board Funds

Charge to Board Office: \$55,000

Fiscal Year: 2001-2002

Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-2999-5990

Source of Funds: Board Funds

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.

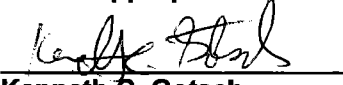
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

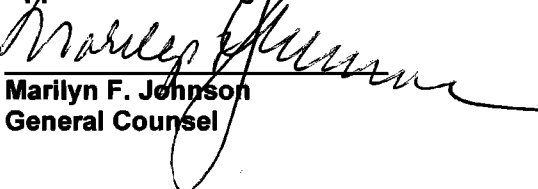
Within Appropriation:


 Kenneth C. Gotsch
 Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


 Paul G. Vallas
 Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


 Marilyn F. Johnson
 General Counsel