

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
COURSE WORK (PROJECT STAR)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Northeastern Illinois University to provide special education course work for Project STAR to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost for the second option period not to exceed \$74,494.10. A written document exercising this second option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Northeastern during the second 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this second option is stated below.

Specification No.: 00-250448

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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Northeastern Illinois – STAR Program Agreement (authorized by Board Report 00-0524-PR31) in the amount of \$29,865.00 was for a term commencing January 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2000, with the Board having the option to renew the Agreement for two successive one year periods. The agreement was renewed in the amount of \$47,460.00 for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 (authorized by Board Report 00-0524-PR31). The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for a period commencing July 1, 2001 and ending July 31, 2002.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: From 17 to 20 teachers employed by the Chicago Public Schools will take graduate level courses, which will enable these teachers to obtain special education approvals or certificates.

COURSES AND PROJECTED COST: Northeastern will offer 3 credit hour courses at a cost of \$6,332.00 per course for up to 17 teachers and \$372.47 for each teacher over that number. Based on an estimate of 20 teachers for 10 courses, the Board will pay the University \$74,494.10 during this option period.

OUTCOMES: Teachers working in special education positions with PZZs (temporary waivers) will complete the special education course work they need in order to obtain their approvals or certification in special education. Also, general education teachers will complete the course work needed to move into special education. All teachers who take classes through Project STAR can take one or two classes each semester and sign agreements to work in special education in CPS for at least three years.

COMPENSATION: The University shall be paid during this option period as follows: For each three credit hour course offered, the Board will pay Northeastern \$74,494.10 for up to 20 teachers.

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 Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7.3 of the M/WBE Plan, this contract is exempt from review under the M/WBE Plan due to the fact that tuition payments are an excluded transaction under the M/WBE Plan.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$74,494.10	Fiscal Year: FY 2002
Budget Classification: 0966-220-481-1607-5560	Source of Funds: 220 IDEA Flow through

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.

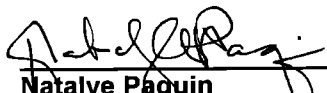
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

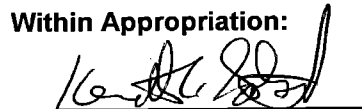
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:


 Natalye Paquin
 Chief Purchasing Officer

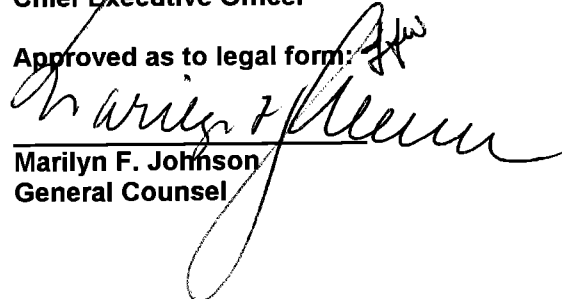
Within Appropriation:


 Kenneth C. Gotsch
 Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


 Paul G. Vallas
 Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:


 Marilyn F. Johnson
 General Counsel