

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

**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 CAST to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost for the second option period not to exceed \$63,170.00. 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 option is stated below.

**Specification No.:** 00-250449

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Northeastern Illinois – CAST Program Agreement (authorized by Board Report 99-1215-PR53) in the amount of \$22,620.00 was for a term commencing January 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2000, with the Board having the option to renew this Agreement for two successive one year periods. The agreement was renewed in the amount of \$67,530.00 for a one year period commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 (authorized by Board Report 00-0524-PR30). 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 August 15, 2002.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There are no option periods remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Ten paraeducators employed in special education programs in the Chicago Public Schools will take course work leading to a Bachelors degree in special education. Upon completion of the Bachelors degree, the paraeducators will teach in Chicago Public Schools special education positions for at least five years unless the Board elects not to employ them for this period of time.

**COURSES AND PROJECTED COST:** There will be three cohort classes, for a total of \$30,567.00. Each participant may also take up to three general education courses (3 credits each) per semester, for a total of \$32,603.00.

**OUTCOMES:** Ten paraeducators employed in special education programs in the Chicago Public Schools will complete course work leading to a Bachelors degree in special education. Upon completing their Bachelors degrees through Project CAST, these paraeducators will be qualified and available to teach in special education programs in the Chicago Public Schools. The paraeducators who participate in Project CAST sign agreements to work for CPS in special education for at least five years after completing their Bachelors Degrees.

**COMPENSATION:** The University shall be paid during this option period as follows:

Cohort classes and administrative costs \$30,567.00

Additional undergraduate coursework course work, up to three courses, 3 credit hours each per student per semester, \$32,603.00

**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: \$63,170.00  
Budget Classification: 0966-220-481-1607-5560

Fiscal Year: FY 2002  
Source of Funds:  
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**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.

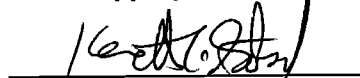
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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