

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT  
WITH PYRAMID EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising the option to renew the agreement with Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. to provide consulting services to Citywide Programs Profound Disabilities at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$115,000.00. 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:** Pyramid Educational Consultants  
226 W. Park Place, Suite 1  
Newark, Delaware 19711  
Contact person: Andrew Bondy  
Tel. No.: (888)-732-7462  
Vendor # 29952

**USER:** Citywide Programs, Profound Disabilities  
Department of Specialized Services  
125 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact person: Jane Ryan  
Tel. No.: (773) 553-1845

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 00-0322-PR46) in the amount of \$115,000.000 is for a term commencing April 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 with the Board having three (3) options to renew for periods of 1-year each with costs to be re-negotiated at time of renewal.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There are two option periods remaining for terms of 1-year each, with costs to be re-negotiated at the time of renewal.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Pyramid Educational Consultants shall continue to provide highly concentrated training to a minimum of 200 teachers, para-educators and administrators of students with autism spectrum disorder as outlined in the Consultant's Agreement. An assessment will be conducted at school cluster sites to determine staff development needs. Each participant will receive seven days of intensive training, which will include an overview of autism, instructional strategies, functional communication strategies, behavior intervention issues and data collection and analysis. Consultant shall also continue to provide four on-site follow-up consultation visits of one-half day each for each participant including on-site supervision and on-going staff development.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant shall continue to provide each new participant with copies of the PYRAMID and PECS Training Manuals, audiotape systems, and samples of functional lesson plans.

**OUTCOMES:** Participants who receive Consultant's Services will have (i) an increased understanding and knowledge for designing and implementing appropriate educational strategies for students with autism; (ii) an increased ability to identify functions of behavior and develop and implement strategies for managing behavior; (iii) an increased knowledge in the use of visual systems to enhance the quality of services; and (iv) an increased knowledge in the implementation of effective communication systems. Participants also will become trained to supervise additional staff to further ensure the development and design of effective educational strategies.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid during this option period as follows: (i) \$175.00 per staff person for seven days of training, including PECS Manual, Pyramid Manual and audio tapes, not to exceed \$35,000.00. (ii) Needs assessment of 30 classrooms including conducting observations and interviews with teachers and staff and

providing a written report identifying staff development needs, at a total cost of \$300.00 per classroom, not to exceed \$10,000.00. (iii) Four on-site consultation visits of one-half day each for each participant including on-going contact via phone, fax, etc. at total cost of \$300.00 for each participant, not to exceed \$60,000.00, and (iv) reimbursables not to exceed \$10,000.00. Total compensation during this option period shall not exceed \$115,000.00.

**REIMBURSABLES:** Consultant will be reimbursed for airfare to and from Delaware and Chicago, food and lodging, all as approved by the Chief Specialized Services Officer, not to exceed \$10,000.00. 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 Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The Waiver Review Committee reviewed the request for waiver and recommends that a waiver be granted on the basis of not further divisible. M/WBE Participation: 0% Black, 0% Hispanic, 0% WBE, and 100% Non-Minority.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Citywide Special Education \$115,000

Fiscal Year: 2002

Budget Classification:	0966-220-481-2685-5410-\$50,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-481-1608-5410-\$40,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-481-2740-5410-\$10,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-481-2772-5410-\$15,000	Source of Funds: IDEA

**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.

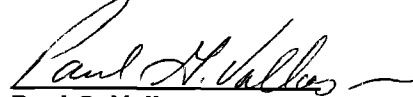
**Ethics -** The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

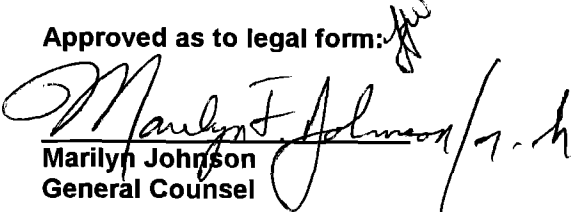
**Approved:**

  
Paul G. Vallas  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn Johnson  
General Counsel