

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,
ON BEHALF OF THE CONSORTIUM ON CHICAGO SCHOOL RESEARCH,
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Consortium on Chicago School Research, to provide consulting services to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant has more than ten years of experience studying the conditions of education in the Chicago Public Schools and the kind of efforts needed to advance meaningful improvements. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant 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 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

SPECIFICATION No: 01-250254

CONSULTANT: University of Chicago, on behalf of the
Consortium on Chicago School Research
1313 E. 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
Contact Person: Dr. John Q. Easton
(773) 702-3364
Vendor # 30280

USER: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
125 S. Clark Street – 5th floor
Mr. Arne Duncan
773: 553-1500

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on October 1, 2001 and shall end on September 30, 2002. This agreement shall have one (1) option to renew for a period of one year with the cost to be renegotiated at the time of renewal.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board may terminate this agreement for any or no reason with 30 days' notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The consultant will assign Dr. John Q. Easton as the key person to develop greater research, evaluation and data analytic ability for the Chicago Public Schools. The consultant will develop good working relationships with a wide variety of outside researchers from universities, school reform organizations, and other institutions. Consultant will report the school system's important educational statistics, such as test scores, dropout rates, and mobility rates, and create and report additional indicators of school improvement. Consultant will also analyze trends in these indicators, addressing questions about where improvements are and are not occurring. The consultant will provide its services to the newly organized Department of Research and Evaluation and consultant will report to the Chief Executive Officer.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide detailed and summary reports of test scores, dropout rates, mobility rates, and other educational indicators of school improvement. Consultant will also provide analyses of trends and patterns in those indicators.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the Board having long-term planning for the improvement of schools and student achievement by providing information and analytic support for key issues, as well as central coordination for key performance data.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid \$25,000 per calendar quarter, upon the submittal of invoices, not to exceed a total of \$100,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this 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: 0% Total MBE, 0% Black, 0% Hispanic, 0% Asian and 0% WBE.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-Wide Education Services: \$100,000 Fiscal Year: 2002
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5410 Source of Funds: 210, Education Fund

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.

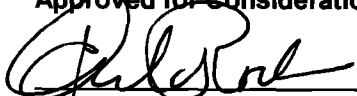
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

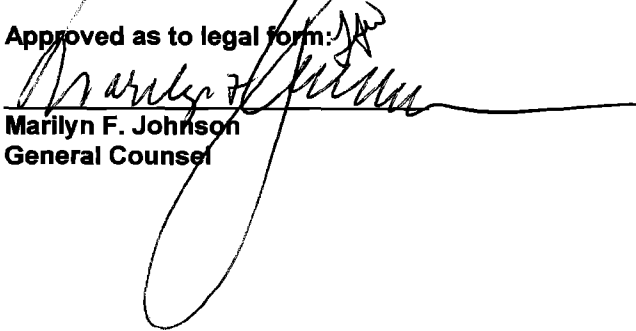
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel