

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
ALTERNATIVES INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Alternatives, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Department of Pupil Support Services/Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities at a cost not to exceed \$55,246. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because it has provided quality services to the Chicago Public Schools in the past in the development of the Peer Juries model. Alternatives, Inc. has five years experience working with CPS to develop Peer Juries. First founded in 1996 at Nicholas Senn High School, it is the oldest and longest functioning peer jury in the Chicago Public Schools. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and 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.: 01-250255

CONSULTANT: Alternatives, Inc.
4730 North Sheridan
Chicago, Illinois 60640
Contact: Judith M. Gall
Phone: 773-506-7474
Vendor #13789

USER: Office of Specialized Services - Pupil Support Services
125 S. Clark - 8th Floor
Contact: Ethel J. Collier
Phone: 773-553-1788

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 12 months thereafter. This agreement shall have one option to renew for a period of 12 months. The cost for the option shall not exceed \$55,246.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Alternatives, Inc. will implement the Alternatives school-based Peer Jury model in 23 high schools: Austin, Bogan, Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville, Clemente, Corliss, Curie, Fenger, Harlan, Jones, Kelvyn Park, Kennedy, Lake View, Las Casas, Marshall, Mather, Morgan Park, Phillips, Southside College Prep, Tesla, Tilden, Washington, Wells, Westinghouse. The Alternatives school-based Peer Jury model consists of volunteer youth and peer jurors, who are trained to analyze the facts of a student's case, ask questions, and decide on appropriate consequences to school disciplinary issues for Sections 1-3 of the Chicago Public Schools Discipline Code. Alternatives, Inc. will provide training, materials, and technical assistance to prepare individual schools to develop a peer jury program. The training will focus on three essential components: Community Partnership, Youth Leadership Development, and Balanced and Restorative Justice principles.

DELIVERABLES: Deliverables include: development of orientation session and materials, convening a city-wide advisory committee, execute two 2-day Regional Orientation Sessions, distribute evaluation surveys, provide on-going follow-up technical assistance, facilitate monthly advisory committee meetings, develop Train-the-Trainer sessions and materials, execute 2-day Train-the-Trainer sessions, provide on-going follow-up and technical assistance, evaluate and provide technical assistance to programs operating in all 23 high schools.

OUTCOMES: Consultant services will result in the implementation of on-site operating Peer Jury programs in the high schools noted above which programs will result in a 10% reduction at each participating school of violations to the uniform discipline code and acts of misconduct.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: equal monthly payments, not to exceed the sum of \$55,246.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any other reimbursable expenses.

AUTHORIZATION: The General Counsel is authorized to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. The President and Secretary are authorized to execute the agreement. The Chief Specialized Services Officer is authorized to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the participation goals for this contract that include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% WBE. as required by the M/WBE Plan be waived because THE contract scope IS not further divisible. Thus the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows: 0% total MBE, 0% total African American, 0% total Hispanic, 0% total Asian and 0% WBE AND 100% Non-Minority.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$55,246 Fiscal Year: 2002
Budget Classification: #0965-239-171-8984-5410 Source of Funds: 239/Federal/State Grants

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

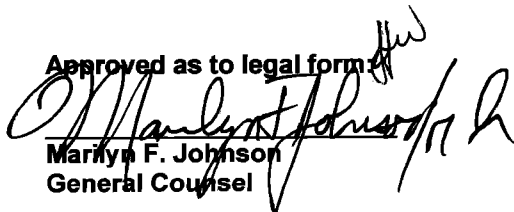
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel