

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
GARY W. MORRIS ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Gary W. Morris Associates for consultant services to conduct an independent evaluation of the Board's Federally Funded Project CANAL program at a cost not to exceed \$37,500.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis of their experience in performing program evaluations. 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 document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**Specification No.:** 01-250300

**CONSULTANT:** Gary W. Morris Associates  
6806 South Clarendon Hills Road  
Darien, IL. 60603  
(630) 323-3078  
Vendor No.: 52088

**USER:** Deputy Chief Education Office  
125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor  
Chicago, IL. 60603  
Contact Person: Dr. Joan Wilson-Epps  
(773) 553-2045

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on November 29, 2001 and shall end June 30, 2002.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Project CANAL grant program targets three areas: increased student achievement in reading and mathematics, reinforcement of teacher professionalism in the schools, and strengthening the involvement between the home and the school. U.S. Department of Education has issued Enhanced Evaluation Design requirements for this final report. The consultant shall provide evaluation services for the Project CANAL program and shall work with seven grant schools: Burnham, Chopin, Mitchell, Spencer, Stewart, Brenemann, and Little Village Schools. Consultant will evaluate Project CANAL programs for Federal Reporting Purposes with the school's leadership team, the site-based data manager, and the probation manager, where applicable.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant will be responsible for the following: development of an evaluation work plan, development and identification of evaluation instruments, a summative evaluation report, and data analysis.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services shall result in a determination as to what extent project objectives were met in improving student achievement for the Project CANAL for Federal Reporting.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid in two equal installments: the first payable upon contract signing, and the second payable upon completion of services. Total compensation shall not exceed \$37,500.00.

**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.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include:**

*35% Total MBE, 22% Total African American, 10% Total Hispanic, 2% Total Asian and 5% Total WBE.*

*However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) be waived because "the contract scope is not further divisible".*

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Project CANAL-\$37,500.00                      Fiscal Year: 2002  
Budget Classification: 0440-239-151-7976-5410

**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).

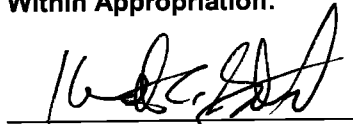
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

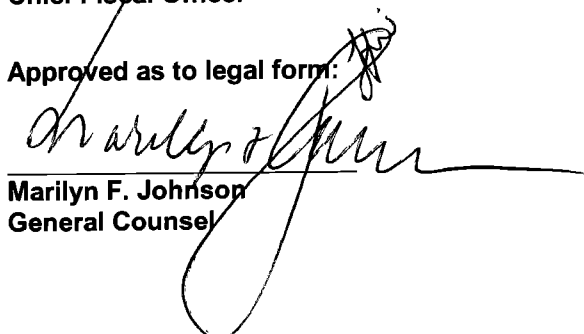
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel