

AMEND BOARD REPORT 00-1220-PR18 APPROVED ON DECEMBER 20, 2000
AMEND BOARD REPORT 99-1215-PR24 APPROVED ON DECEMBER 15, 1999
AMEND BOARD REPORT 99-0922-PR15 APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1999
**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER ON EVALUATION,
 STANDARDS, AND STUDENT TESTING (CRESST) FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve expenditure of a \$400,000.00 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Approve entering into an agreement with UCLA/CRESST to provide consulting services to The Office of Accountability at a cost not to exceed \$500,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis. CRESST will continue to develop the new assessment system linked to the Chicago Academic Standards for the Chicago Public Schools which began in 1998. A written agreement for Consultant's services is available for signature. These services began prior to the execution of a 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 amended Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

This amendment is required to ratify an August 1, 1999 start date.

This second amendment is required to i) specify a 29 month initial term, ii) modify the scope of services and deliverables to specify statistical analysis of both 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 CASE pilot exams, iii) reinstate the contract requirement previously rescinded under Board Report 00-0823-AR3, iv) correct the MacArthur Grant funding level for this contract, and v) clarify the name of the Consultant.

This third amendment is required to extend the term for four (4) months at no additional cost to the Board so that CRESST can complete all services. A written amendment is required. The authority granted in this amended Board Report shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment is not executed within 60 days.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 00-250211

CONSULTANT: UCLA's National Center on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST)
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 Los Angeles, CA 90095
 (310) 206-1532 – Rory Constancio
 Vendor # 28822

USER: Office of Accountability
 125 S. Clark Street, 11th Floor, Chicago, IL 60603
 Adalbert Kouba
 (773) 553-2335

TERM: The term of this agreement commenced as of August 1, 1999 and shall end ~~December 31, 2001~~ April 30, 2002. This agreement shall have 2 one year options to renew. The cost for each option period is not expected to exceed \$500,000 per year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: CRESST will provide statistical analysis of the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 elementary and high school CASE assessments, provide consultant services related to establishing reliability, validity, and fairness; and develop reporting methods suitable for a wide variety of audiences. CRESST staff will work collaboratively with the Board personnel to; propose procedures to increase the fairness of the assessments; and recommend and compare alternative technical procedures for standards, alignment to curriculum and statistical studies. CRESST staff will develop teacher and student surveys as part of the validity analysis.

DELIVERABLES: CRESST will provide a reliability analysis of CASE exams for the 1999/2000 school year and for the spring semester 2001 exams in the eleven subject areas. Reports will include both item level and test level statistical analysis. CRESST will submit specific policy recommendations for item, test and rubric

development and review. CRESST will deliver a report on its validity study of the pilot exams and the spring, 2001 exams.

OUTCOMES: A reliable systemwide elementary and secondary assessment system aligned to the Chicago Academic Standards.

COMPENSATION: The Consultant will be paid monthly for activities, which are verified against the approved grant budget, not to exceed \$500,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: Consultant shall not be reimbursed for expenses.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement and all required amendments. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement and all required amendments.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The Waiver Review Committee reviewed the request for waiver on November 1, 1999 and recommended that a waiver be granted on the basis of not further divisible. M/WBE participation: 0% Black, 0% Hispanic, 0% Asian, 0% WBE and 100% Non-Minority.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Accountability: \$500,000 Fiscal Year: 2000 and 1999
Budget Classification: 0012-280-300-0302-5410 \$400,000 (FY2000) - Special Income Fund
Budget Classification: 0920-210-461-1048-5410 \$100,000 (FY1999) - Education Fund
Purchase Order 650217

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 Board of Trustees 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.

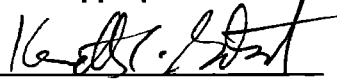
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:



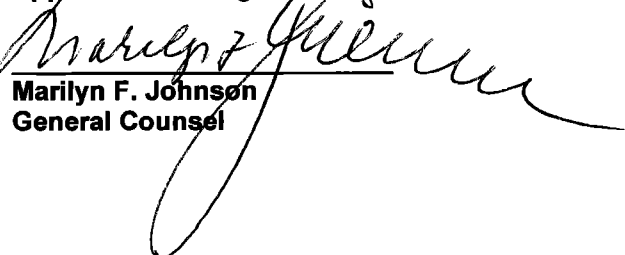
Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel