

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH QUANTUM CROSSINGS FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the renewal of the agreement with Quantum Crossing to provide telecommunications management consulting services provided to the Office of Technology Services at a cost not to exceed \$2,982,445.00 during the renewal term. Vendor was selected pursuant to a request for proposals solicited in accordance with the guidelines and requirements issued by the Federal Government's Universal Services Program. Because vendor currently has a contract for these services, a new contract is not necessary and the parties have agreed to renew the current contract. A written renewal agreement is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the vendor prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed with ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below:

VENDOR: Quantum Crossing
141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 2170
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Contact: Roger Martinez
Telephone No. (312) 377-4045
Vendor No. 32334

USER: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Elaine L. Williams, Chief Technology Officer
Arlene Love, Deputy Chief Technology Officer – Operations
Telephone No. (773) 553-1300

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report No. 01-0523-PR22) is for a term commencing June 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001.

RENEWAL PERIOD: By mutual consent of the parties, the agreement is being renewed for a period commencing January 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. This 18-month renewal term is necessary to coincide with and allow for the Board's participation in Year 5 of the E-Rate Program.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Quantum will continue to provide consulting services to manage the operational and strategic planning aspects of the telecommunications functions for the Chicago Public Schools, including the Central Service Center (CSC), regional offices, and all school facilities. Responsibilities include:

- Management of day-to-day Telecommunications Department operations for all voice systems and services district-wide for a minimum of 600 locations, 16,500 Centrex lines, 3000 dial-up lines, 2200 pagers, 225 cellular telephones and all new construction.
- Work order and trouble ticket processing (approximately 1600 per month).
- Invoice processing and reconciliation for all voice and data services within the District, including all Wide Area Network (WAN) data lines on an ongoing basis.
- Implementation, maintenance and support of automated out-calling applications, including student absentee and itinerant staff out-calling.
- Development of annual telecommunications budgets and management of departmental purchase orders.
- Overall management of voice systems and technology infrastructure at the Central Office location, which currently processes over 1,000,000 calls per month.
- Strategic telecommunications planning in conjunction with the Office of Technology Services.

DELIVERABLES: Quantum will continue to provide telecommunication management services for the Office of Technology Services (Department of Telecommunications).

OUTCOMES: The Board will continue to have improved telecommunications services for the period beginning on January 1, 2002 and ending June 1, 2003.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid during this period as follows: Upon invoicing, not to exceed the sum of \$2,982,445.00 for the term. The services provided by Quantum are eligible for, but not contingent upon, E-Rate discounts under the Federal Government's Universal Services Program.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreement. Authorize the Chief Technology Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this renewal agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan). The M/WBE participation goals for the contract are:

35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian, 5% total WBE.

The vendor had identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total 95% MBE			
Total 10% African American			
Rainey Telecom, 28 East Jackson Blvd, #1020 Chicago, IL 60604	\$212,150.00	7%	07/31/02
Bonaparte Corp., 1455 S. Michigan Chicago, IL 60605	\$89,475.00	3%	08/31/02
Total Hispanic 83%			
Quantum Crossings, 141 W. Jackson #2170, Chicago, IL 60604	\$2,472,068.00	83%	10/31/02
Total Asian 2%			
EP&S, 5959 W. 115th St., Alsip, IL 60803	\$59,650.00	2%	08/31/02
Total WBE 5%			
Edge Technology Solutions, 53 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604	\$149,122.00	6%	08/31/02

The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services certifies each identified firm. The identified firms are subject to change upon approval from the Procurement and Contract's Division of Compliance and Vendor Services without further Board approval.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Technology Services: \$2,982,445.00

Budget Classifications: 0960-210-000-1614-5410	\$750,000.00	FY 2002
0960-552-000-1614-5430	\$89,545.00	FY 2002
0960-210-000-1614-5410	\$2,142,900.00	FY 2003

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).

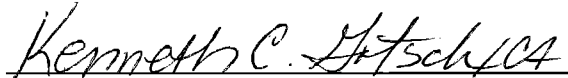
Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

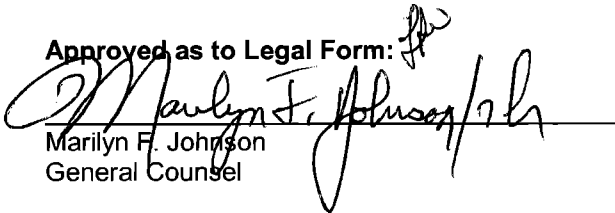
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer *by PAID*

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel