

**APPROVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE COURSEWORK FOR THE
MAGNET CLUSTER INITIATIVE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to the universities listed below to provide coursework for the Magnet Cluster Initiative at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 in the aggregate. These courses will result in full certification, endorsement, or a graduate degree in the areas of focus represented at the participating Magnet Cluster Initiative schools, including mathematics, science, world language, reading/language arts, and fine and performing arts. No agreements are required for these tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

- UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS:**
1. University of Chicago
SESAME Program
5734 S. University Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637
Contact: Dr. Paul J. Sally Jr.
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Fax: (773) 702-9787
Vendor Number: 42859
Not to exceed \$300,000
 2. Columbia College, Chicago
Educational Studies Department
33 E. Congress, Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60605
Contact: Ava Belisle-Chatterjee
Phone: (312) 344-8141
Fax: (312) 344-8006
Vendor Number: 74997
Not to exceed \$140,000
 3. University of Illinois at Chicago
Department of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese
601 S. Morgan, MC315
Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 413-4927
Fax: (312) 413-1044
Contact: Danila Miranda
Vendor Number: 32571
Not to exceed \$30,000
 4. University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction
1040 W. Harrison St., MC147
Chicago, IL 60607
(312) 996-4862
Contact: Cyndie Hynd
Vendor Number: 32571
Not to exceed \$30,000

PAYMENT PERIOD: Payments are authorized for university courses provided from December 2001 through August 31, 2002.

PROGAM DESCRIPTIONS: Funds obtained through a recent Department of Education appropriation will be used to send teachers in the Magnet Cluster Initiative to university courses that will result in full certification, endorsement, or a graduate degree. In some cases, the funds will cover a full program, such as a series of courses that results in full endorsement, while in other cases the funds will be used to pay for a single course. Universities will be paid directly by the Office of Academic Enhancement. The Office of Academic Enhancement will fund only those courses that have been pre-approved by the curricular administrators working for the Office of Academic Enhancement.

OUTCOMES: Through this program, each school in the Magnet Cluster Initiative will have two or more teachers taking or having taken courses to improve their teaching strategies in the magnet program area of focus or another curricular area closely related to the magnet program area of focus. This will increase the quality of instruction at the schools, resulting in the following: increased student achievement, as measured by the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) or Test of Achievement and Proficiency (TAP); increased student motivation in the classroom; and increasing the number of students eligible to apply to Chicago public high schools that have selective admission requirements.


AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the M/WBE Plan, this contract is exempt from review under the M/WBE Plan, due to the fact that this expenditure is for tuition payments.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Academic Enhancement: Up to \$500,000
Budget Classification: 0440-239-298-7876-5560

Fiscal Year: 2002
Source of Funds: Federal Grant

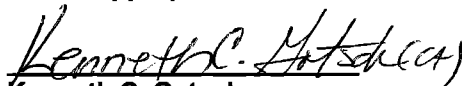
Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

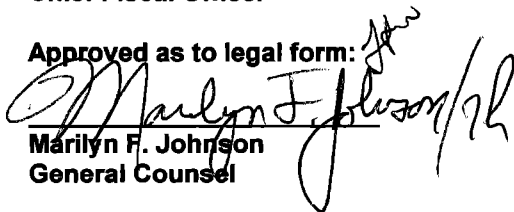
Approved:


Arne Duncan *(by PA D)*
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel