

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO CHICAGO ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN  
(CAEYC) FOR CONFERENCE FEES**

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

Approve payment to Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children for conference registration fees for the teachers and staff working in the State Prekindergarten and Head Start programs in citywide and various school units at a cost not to exceed \$77,500. Vendor was selected because they are a national affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the conference is held locally.

**SPECIFICATION No.: 02-250002**

**VENDOR:** Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children  
Tom Layman  
410 S. Michigan  
Chicago, IL  
(312) 427-5399  
#47706

**USER:** Office of Early Childhood Education  
125 S. Clark St., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Ronald Whitmore  
553-1992

**DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE:** The Early Childhood Conference will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Conference fees will be paid for a one-day attendance at the conference. The conference will provide staff with workshops and seminars pertaining to early childhood development. This is the largest early child conference in the Midwest. As the conference is held in Chicago it allows the Office to offer and support the professional development opportunity to all early childhood staff.

Purpose: Staff development for Early Childhood professionals, paraprofessionals, advocates & parents

Item: Conference Admissions - SPK 1000, SUB 375, HS 125)  
Total Cost: \$77,500

Chicago Metro AEYC Annual Conference  
Chicago Hilton & Towers  
January 24 - 26, 2002

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because "the unique nature of the item makes it inappropriate to apply other vendor selection criteria."

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to:

Office of Language, Cultural, and Early Childhood Education: \$77,500

Fiscal Year: FY2002


Budget Classification:

0952-239-290-7790-5420 - \$7,500  
0952-210-364-7790-5420 - \$70,000

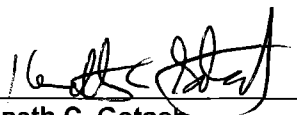
Source of Funds: Head Start

Source of Funds; Early Childhood Block Grant SPK


Approved for Consideration:

  
Arlita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

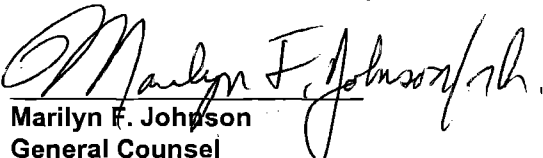
Within Appropriation:

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel