

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO A SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGES.COM INC.****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into a software license agreement with Bridges.com Inc. for Careerware software products to be used by the Office of Education-to-Careers at a cost not to exceed \$62,500. The Office of Education-to-Careers has used Careerware software products for (4) years. The vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because Careerware products are proprietary software available only through Bridges.com. A written license agreement for such software products is available for signature. Software bug fixes and updates will be provided at no additional cost. No payment shall be made to software Licensor prior to the execution of the written license agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**SOFTWARE LICENSOR:** Bridges.Com Inc./ Careerware  
808 Commerce Park Drive  
Ogdenburg, NY  
800-267-1544  
Contact Person: Claude LaPointe  
Vendor #: 22470

**USER:** Office of Education-to-Careers  
125 S. Clark Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
773-553-2460  
Contact Person: Dr. Creg E. Williams

**TERM:** The term of this software license agreement shall commence on March 1, 2002 and shall end December 31, 2002.

**USE OF SOFTWARE:** Choices CT & Career Futures software products will be licensed for use by schools to develop career path portfolios for their students, track their progress and assess strategies in pursuing various occupations. The Choices CT software will be used in 65 high schools at a cost of \$650 per school. The Career Futures software will be used in 81 elementary schools at a cost of \$250 per school. Bridges.com will also provide (4) full-day training sessions for 140 instructors and counselors.

**OUTCOMES:** The software will allow every student enrolled in the Career Path Portfolio program the ability to develop career assessments, explore at least three occupations, and develop individual career paths.

**LICENSE FEE:** The license fee for the Choices CT software is \$42,250. The license fee for the Career Futures software is 20,250. The total combined license fees to be paid to Bridges will not exceed \$62,500. Training costs are included in the license fees.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Enterprise Economic participation (MWBE Plan).

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Office of Education-to-Careers  
Budget Classification:  
0910-239-207-2875-5311- \$42,250  
0910-239-397-8923-5311- \$20,250  
Fiscal Year: '02

**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.

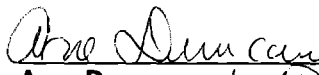
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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 Roeha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

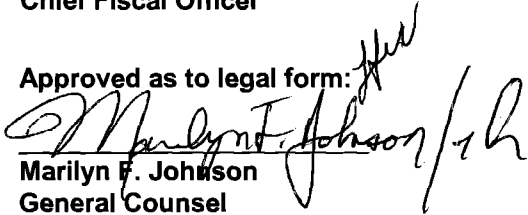
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel