

**APPROVE TUITION PAYMENTS TO CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY
TO PROVIDE COURSEWORK FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve tuition payments to Chicago State University to provide graduate level coursework for the Certification of Military Personnel Program at a cost not to exceed \$119,600. This initiative is a cohort program designed for former military personnel to obtain the required credentials to receive an Illinois teaching and/or administrator certificate. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

<p>UNIVERSITY: Chicago State University 9501 S. Martin Luther King Drive Chicago, IL 60628 (773) 995-2400 Vendor No.: 46523 Contact: Dr. Norma Salazar Not to Exceed: \$119,600</p>	<p>Cohort I Track I (5 Year Program) \$156.66 Per Credit Hour Total Credit Hours: 570 Estimated Enrollment: 20 Students</p>
	<p>Cohort I Track II (3 Year Program) \$84.16 Per Credit Hour Total Credit Hours: 360 Estimated Enrollment: 20 Students</p>

USER: Office of Education-to-Careers
125 S. Clark Street, 12th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Dr. Creg E. Williams
(773) 553-2460

PAYMENT PERIOD: Payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from August 1, 2002 and shall end August 1, 2003.

PROGRAM & COURSE DESCRIPTION: The Certification of Military Personnel Program is designed to attract military personnel into second careers as educators. The program was developed in direct response to meet the anticipated shortages of teachers, JROTC Instructors, and administrators in Chicago Public Schools. The program will target two types of personnel: 1) Track I (Teachers to Administrators) for career changing/retiring military personnel that have bachelor's degrees who will initially serve as teachers in "at risk" schools while concurrently completing the coursework requirements for teaching/administrator certificates and graduate degree. Twenty individuals will be placed in this program annually. 2) Track II (Leaders to Administrators) for retiring military personnel that have bachelor's degrees and who will initially serve as JROTC Instructors while concurrently completing coursework requirements for school administrator certificate and graduate degree. Twenty individuals will be placed in this program biennially. Each track will include a one-year practicum as an associate principal under the mentorship of a Chicago Public School principal. Chicago State University will provide coursework and mentoring to all enrolled participants. A CPS staff position will be opened in FY2002 for an individual to oversee the program as well as assume additional responsibilities in the JROTC Department.

OUTCOMES: The multi-year program will recruit qualified military personnel to become CPS teachers and administrators and will provide the required graduate coursework to obtain a certification (Type 03, 09, and/or 75), endorsement and/or degree required by the Illinois State Board of Education for secondary educators.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.73 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (MWBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition payments.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Education-to-Careers: \$119,600

Fiscal Year: 2003

Budget Classification: 0910-210-000-2260-5560

The Military Certification Program is contingent on available funds within the FY2003 approved budget.

Approved for Consideration:



Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



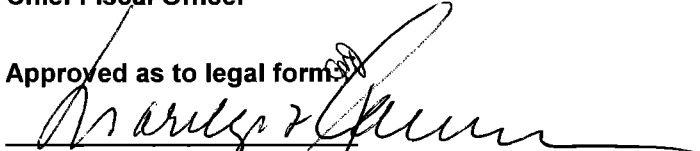
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel