

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
FOR THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to the Council of the Great City Schools for the cost of the Chicago Public Schools' annual membership in that organization for the 2002-2003 school year, in the amount of \$41,093.

Specification No.: 02-250093

ORGANIZATION: Council of the Great City Schools
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Suite 702
Washington, D. C. 20004
(202) 393-2427
Vendor #18059

USER: Office of the Chief Executive Officer
125 S. Clark Street – 5th floor
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Arne Duncan
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DESCRIPTION: The Council of the Great City Schools is a membership organization composed of 58 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission centers solely on the improvement of public schools for urban youth. The Council joins together urban school districts of unusually large size (cities with populations over 250,000 or student enrollments over 35,000) whose students come from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The Council also serves as a focal point for information exchange, conferencing and networking among urban school districts with similar interests, concerns and challenges. The legislative advocacy efforts are estimated to bring more than \$170 million in extra federal funds to urban districts or about \$93 for every dollar in dues. The Council is listed as one of the four most effective education groups in Washington, and is considered one of the 300 most powerful organizations on Capitol Hill in any field.

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 this contract is for annual membership.


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

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-Wide Education Services: \$41,093
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5420

Fiscal Year: 2003
Source of Funds: Education Fund, 210

Any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget.

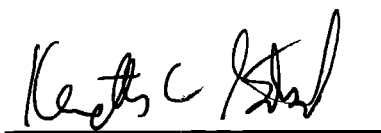
Approved for Consideration:


Anjita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

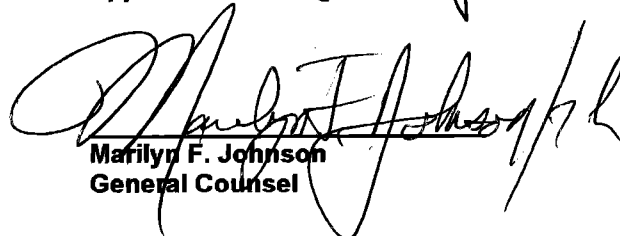
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel