

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT
WITH PYRAMID EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC.**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc. to provide consulting services to Citywide Programs Profound Disabilities at a cost for this option period not to exceed \$115,000.00. A written document exercising this second option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during this option period prior to the execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specifications No.: 00-250372

CONSULTANT: Pyramid Educational Consultants
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Vendor # 29952

USER: Citywide Programs, Profound Disabilities
Department of Specialized Services
125 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60603
Contact person: Jane Ryan
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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: This original agreement (authorized by Board Report 00-0322-PR46) in the amount of \$115,000.00, was for a term commencing April 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, with the Board having three (3) options to renew the agreement for additional one-year periods. The agreement was renewed in the amount of \$115,000.00 for a term commencing July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002 (authorized by Board Report 01-0627-PR62). The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one option period remaining for a term of 1-year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Pyramid Educational Consultants shall continue to provide highly concentrated training to a minimum of 200 teachers, para-educators and administrators of students with autism spectrum disorder as outlined in the Consultant's Agreement. An assessment will be conducted at school cluster sites to determine staff development needs. Each participant will receive seven days of intensive training, which will include an overview of autism, instructional strategies, functional communication strategies, behavior intervention issues and data collection and analysis. Consultant shall also continue to provide four on-site follow-up consultation visits of one-half day each for each participant, including on-site supervision and on-going staff development.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall continue to provide each new participant with copies of the *Pyramid* and *PECS* Training Manuals, audiotape systems, and samples of functional lesson plans.

OUTCOMES: Participants who receive Consultant's Services will have (i) an increased understanding and knowledge for designing and implementing appropriate educational strategies for students with autism; (ii) an increased ability to identify functions of behavior and develop and implement strategies for managing behavior; (iii) an increased knowledge in the use of visual systems to enhance the quality of services; and (iv) an increased knowledge in the implementation of effective communication systems. Participants also will become trained to supervise additional staff to further ensure the development and design of effective educational strategies.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid during this option period as follows: (i) \$175.00 per staff person for seven days of training, including PECS Manual, Pyramid Manual and audio tapes, not to exceed \$35,000.00. (ii) Needs assessment of 30 classrooms including conducting observations and interviews with teachers and staff and providing a written report identifying staff development needs, at a total cost of \$300.00 per classroom, not to exceed \$10,000.00. (iii) Four on-site consultation visits of one-half day each for each participant including on-going contact via phone, fax, etc. at total cost of \$300.00 for each participant, not to exceed \$60,000.00, and (iv) reimbursables not to exceed \$10,000.00. Total compensation during this option period shall not exceed \$115,000.00.

REIMBUSABLES: Consultant will be reimbursed for airfare to and from Delaware and Chicago, food and lodging, all as approved by the Chief Specialized Services Officer, not to exceed \$10,000.00. The total compensation amount reflected herein is inclusive of all reimbursable expenses.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option agreement. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Citywide Special Education	\$115,000	Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification:	0966-220-771-2685-5410-\$60,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-771-1608-5410-\$35,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-771-2740-5410-\$10,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
	0966-220-771-2772-5410-\$10,000	Source of Funds: IDEA
Requisition Number:	IM	

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 member 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).

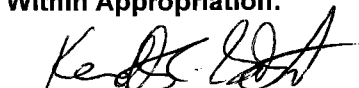
Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

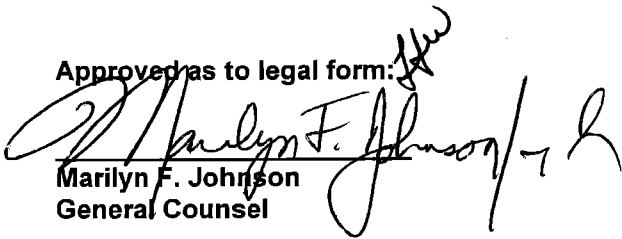
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel