

**APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE WORK  
(PROJECT CAST)**

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

Approve the renewal of the existing agreement with Northeastern Illinois University to provide special education courses for Project CAST (Creating a Special Teacher) to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost for the renewal period not to exceed \$32,323.00. Northeastern Illinois University has provided courses to the Board under Project CAST since January 1, 2000. A written renewal document is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Northeastern prior to the execution of this written renewal document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal document is stated below.

**Specification No.:**

**Provider:** Northeastern Illinois University  
5500 N. St. Louis  
Chicago, Illinois 60625-2823  
Dr. Jeff Messerer  
773-442-5588  
Vendor# 37162

**User:** The Office of Specialized Services  
125 South Clark Street  
Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Contact Person: Sandra Rumbler  
773-553-3373

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 99-1215-PR53) was for a term commencing January 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2000, with the Board having the option to renew for 2 additional one-year periods. The agreement was renewed pursuant to Board Report 00-0524-PR30 for a term commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, and was renewed again pursuant to Board Report 01-0627-PR57 for a term commencing July 1, 2001 and ending August 15, 2002. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis.

**RENEWAL TERM:** By mutual agreement of the parties, the agreement shall be renewed for a term commencing August 16, 2002 and ending December 31, 2003.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Northeastern will continue to provide course work leading to a Bachelors degree in special education to ten paraeducators employed in CPS special education programs who have been approved for and participate in the CAST Program, but who did not complete their course work during the anticipated timeframe because of the need to complete a significant amount of general education coursework. Upon completion of their Bachelors degrees, these paraeducators will teach in CPS special education positions for at least five years unless the Board elects not to employ them for this period of time.

**COURSES AND PROJECTED COST:** During this renewal term, each participant may take up to three general education courses (3 credits each) per semester, for a total of \$19,240.00. The cost to provide advising and program administration is an additional \$13,083.00.

**OUTCOMES:** At the end of this renewal period a total of ten paraeducators employed in CPS special education programs will have completed course work leading to a Bachelors degree in special education. These paraeducators will each obtain a teaching certificate to teach in special education programs in the Chicago Public Schools. As part of Project CAST, each participant has signed an agreement to teach for CPS in special education programs for at least five years after completing their Bachelors Degrees.

**COMPENSATION:** During the renewal period, Northeastern shall be paid as follows:

Program advising and administrative costs: \$13,083.00

Undergraduate coursework (up to 52 courses, 3 credit hours each for the renewal term): \$19,240.00.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** None

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal document. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute any ancillary documents that are necessary to effectuate the renewal document.

**AFFIRMATION ACTION:** [Language to be provided by Affirmative Action]

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of Specialized Services: \$32,323.00  
Budget Classification: 0966-239-699-1607-5560  
Fiscal Year: FY2003  
Source of Funds: 239 Title II

**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.

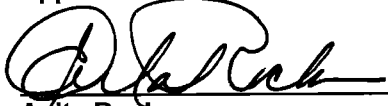
Conflicts-The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office

Indebtedness- The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1999 (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 budgets.

Approved for Consideration:

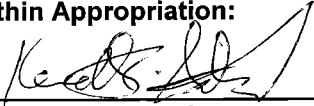


Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

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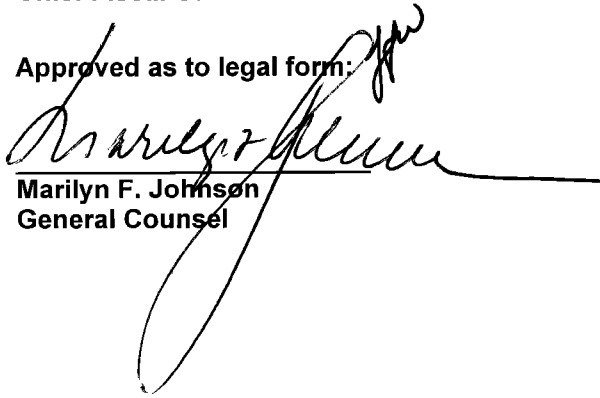
  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer *by FAD*

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel