

**AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNDER THE  
NATIONAL URBAN/RURAL FELLOWS MENTORING PROGRAM, CLASS OF 2003  
(Ché G. Dawson)**

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

Authorize the acceptance of a Special Assistant under the National Urban/Rural Fellows Mentoring Program, Class of 2003, assigned to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Mr. Ché G. Dawson, National Urban Fellow, Class of 2002/2003, will be assigned by National Urban Fellows, Inc. to work in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer during the period of September 3, 2002 through May 30, 2003. The Chief Executive Officer will serve as a mentor to Mr. Dawson as part of a fellowship program that will lead Mr. Dawson to a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

National Urban Fellows, Inc. (NUF) was founded in 1969 as a cooperative project of Yale University, the National League of Cities, and the U. S. Conference of Mayors, with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Through its fellowship programs, NUF, Inc. provides rigorous academic preparation at the Master's graduate level combined with an experiential mentorship. The organization and its fellowships stand as the model for leadership training for individuals from traditionally under-represented communities across the country and in Europe. In its 30-year history, NUF, Inc. has qualified over 750 men and women for executive positions in public and private institutions.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any required acceptance agreement for the National Urban/Rural Fellow.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge \$49,000 to 0950-210-000-1005-5410

Fiscal Year: 2003

Source of Funds: 210, Educational

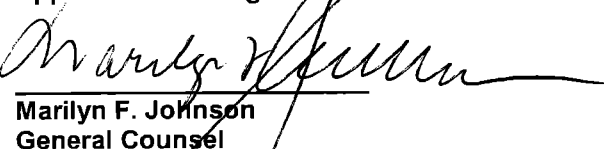
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer *by PAT*

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel