

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
DEPENDABLE NURSING HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC. FOR NURSING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Dependable Nursing Home Health Services, Inc. to provide nursing services to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$350,000. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Agency during the 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.: 01-250154

AGENCY: Dependable Nursing Home Health Services, Inc.
4656 W. Touhy Avenue Suite 2000
Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712
Contact person: Sally Hunter
Phone: (847) 677-2919 Fax: (847) 677-3538 Vendor No.: 30231

USER: Specialized Services & Pupil Support Services – Student Health Services
125 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60603
Contact person: Myrna P. Garcia
Phone: (773) 553-1830 Fax: (773) 553-1831

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 00-0823-PR43) in the amount of \$200,000 is for a term commencing August 24, 2000 and ending August 31, 2001, with the Board having two (2) options to renew the agreement for periods of 1-year each, with costs to be re-negotiated at the time of renewal. The costs under the original agreement are as follows: Registered Nurses \$28/hr; Licensed Practical Nurse \$24/hr. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis. The original agreement was renewed for a period commencing September 1, 2001 and ending August 31, 2002 in the amount of \$200,000 (Authorized by Board Report 01-0725-PR34). The costs during this first renewal period are as follows: Registered Nurses \$30/hr., Licensed Practical Nurses \$26/hr.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing September 1, 2002 and ending August 31, 2003.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: None

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Federal and State regulations mandate the provision of free and appropriate nursing related services to students with disabilities. Agency shall continue to provide nursing services as detailed in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). These services supplement those services not available from providers employed by the Chicago Public Schools. These services shall continue to be provided on an as needed basis and shall include: gastrostomy tube feedings, tracheotomy care, ventilator care, administration of medication, special care for diabetics, epilepsy, asthma and care for students with other major medical conditions. The increase in the cost of the agreement is due to the continual growth of medically fragile students requiring services.

DELIVERABLES: Agency shall continue to provide professional nursing services to Board-designated medically fragile CPS students during the hours that these students attend school.

OUTCOMES: Services provided by this Agency shall improve the quality of the students' care, resulting in students' increased school attendance and improved academic performance.

COMPENSATION: Agency shall be paid during this option period as follows: Registered Nurses at \$30/hr. and Licensed Practical Nurses at \$26/hr. Any periods of work less than an hour shall be computed on a pro rata basis to the nearest quarter hour. Compensation shall be based on actual services performed for the Board; not to exceed \$350,000.00 during the option period.

REIMBURSABLES: None.

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 document. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the option document.

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 partial waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the vendor has demonstrated reasonable good faith efforts.

The vendor has, however, identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages

Total MBE 98.9%

Total 96.1% African American:

Dependable Nursing 4656 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60712	\$336,000.00 Reapplied 5/28/02
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Total 1.1% Hispanic:

Excel Answering 5742 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago., IL 60629	\$4,000.00 Certified through 2/1/03
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Total 1.7% Asian:

Golden Press 5940 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago., IL 60646	\$6,000.00 Certified through 9/1/02
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Total 1.1% WBE

Arrow Messenger 1322 W. Walton St., Chicago., IL 60622	\$4,000.00 Certified through 1/1/03
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The City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services certifies each identified firm. The identified firms are subject to change upon approval from the Procurement and Contract's Division of Compliance and Vendor Services without further Board approval.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Citywide Special Education: \$350,000 Fiscal Year: 2003

Budget Classification: 0965-210-000-3650-5410 - Source of Funds: 210 General Education Funds

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General- Each party to the agreements 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 agreements 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 agreements.

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 agreements.

Contingent Liability - The agreements 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

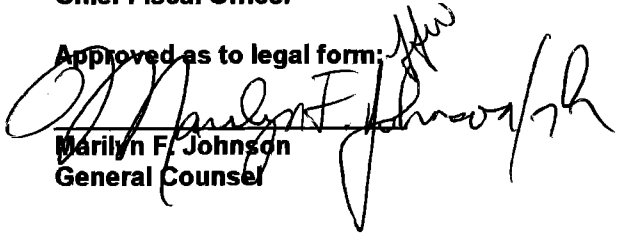
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel