

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO VARIOUS CURRICULUM PARTNERS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve payment to various curriculum partners, who provided consulting services to the Office of the Chief Education Officer at a cost, in the aggregate, of \$326,397.00. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultants were selected on a non-competitive basis due to their past history with the Chicago Public Schools. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

**Specification No:** 02-250175

**CONSULTANTS:****SCHOOLS:**

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| <p>1. American Educational Services, Inc.<br/>33 W. Grand Avenue - Suite 402<br/>Chicago, IL 60610<br/>(312) 329-0001<br/>Vendor#: 28423<br/>Contact person: Regina Curry<br/>Cost: \$56,396.19</p>                    | <p>Foundations<br/>Gregory</p>  |
| <p>2. DePaul University<br/>Center for Urban Education<br/>990 West Fullerton - Suite 3135<br/>Chicago, IL 60614<br/>(773) 325-7170<br/>Vendor#: 21282<br/>Contact person: Dr. Barbara Radner<br/>Cost: \$30,000</p>   | <p>Haley Elementary</p>   |
| <p>3. DePaul University<br/>School Achievement Structure<br/>2320 North Kenmore<br/>Levan Room 200<br/>Chicago, IL 60614<br/>(773) 325-4288<br/>Vendor#: 25666<br/>Contact person: Kymara Chase<br/>Cost: \$30,000</p> | <p>Cather Elementary</p>  |
| <p>4. J.P. Associates<br/>284 East Chester Street<br/>Valley Stream, NY 11580<br/>(516) 561-7803<br/>Vendor#: 33615<br/>Contact person: Kendra Feinberg<br/>Cost: \$30,000</p>   | <p>Sexton Elementary</p>  |
| <p>5. Renaissance Learning<br/>901 Deming Way<br/>Madison, WI 53717<br/>(800) 200-4848 (ext. 2504)<br/>Vendor#: 11291<br/>Contact person: Lori Phelan<br/>Cost: \$180,000</p>  | <p>Everett Elementary<br/>Garvey, M. Elementary<br/>Gresham Elementary<br/>Nettelhorst Elementary<br/>Olgesby Elementary<br/>Ward, L.</p> |

**USER:** The Office of the Chief Education Officer  
125 S. Clark Street – 5<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Andrea S. Kerr  
(773) 553-1484

**TERM:** These services were rendered from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Each consultant worked with schools and provided technical support in the areas of organization, curriculum, instruction and evaluation, and assisted the principal and school staff in their efforts to achieve stated comprehensive school reform initiatives. Services included providing staff development in core curricular areas of instruction, assisting with the implementation of Children First activities, assisting school administrators with leadership concerns, providing sample and demonstration lessons for teachers, and fostering parent and community partnerships and coaching school staff on the effective use of data to drive the instructional practices of the school. Each consultant made site visits to the school to confer with the principal and troubleshoot areas of concern.

**DELIVERABLES:** Deliverables varied according to each vendor's proposal and the identified needs of the particular school. Every partnership focused on improving reading achievement and comprehensive school reform initiatives. The Office of the Chief Education Officer monitored the delivery of deliverables for each partnership.

**OUTCOMES:** It is anticipated that consultant's services will result in 1) increased student achievement; 2) improved effectiveness of the school leaders in the areas of school organization and fiscal management; 3) fostering of a student-centered climate; 4) providing quality professional development activities; and 5) promoting parent and community partnerships.

**COMPENSATION:** Each consultant will be paid the amount stated above, with the aggregate cost not to exceed \$326,397.00.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** The total compensation amount reflected herein is inclusive of all reimbursable expenses.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize payments to each Consultant in the amounts stated above.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** M/WBE participation for independent contractors/sole proprietors is determined on an aggregated basis and is reported in the M/WBE Monthly Report.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of the Chief Education Officer: \$326,397.00  
Fiscal Year: 2003  
Budget Classification: 0105-239-631-8923-5410  
Source of Funds: Miscellaneous Federal/State Block Grant - #239

**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.

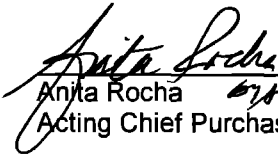
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 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:**

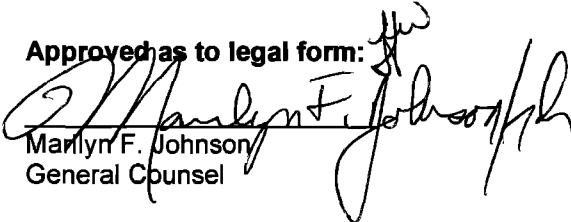
  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

  
Barbara Eason Watkins  
Chief Education Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel