

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE WORK
(PROJECT CAST)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with Chicago State University for special education coursework for the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00. The University was selected on a non-competitive basis because it is one of only two universities in Chicago offering Bachelors Degrees Programs in Special Education. Chicago State University has provided courses to the Board under Project CAST since August 1999. A written agreement for this matter is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Chicago State prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

VENDOR: Chicago State University
9501 South King Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60628
Dr. Flora Luseno
773-442-2078
Vendor # 28386

USER: Office of Specialized Services
125 S. Clark Street- Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Dr. Sandra Rumbler
773-553-3373

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on September 1, 2002 and shall end December 31, 2003. There will be no options to renew.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: 60 days notice by either party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Eight paraeducators employed in CPS special education programs and approved for the CAST (Creating a Special Teacher) Program (Project CAST) were unable to complete their course work under Project CAST because they required a significant number of general education courses. Chicago State University will offer these eight participants 4 remaining special education cohort courses and various general education courses that they require to complete their Bachelors degrees and receive their Special Education certifications. Upon completing their Bachelors degrees, these CAST participants 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: Chicago State University will offer four cohort courses (a total of 15 credit hours) for a total of \$35,000.00 (\$2,333.35 per credit hour per cohort course). The University will also provide various general education courses at a cost of \$111.00 per credit hour per participant. For those semesters that a participant takes general education courses, the Board will be charged \$191.00 per participant per semester. The anticipated cost of the general education coursework, include fees will not exceed \$5,000.00.

OUTCOMES: As a result of this Project CAST program, a total of eight paraeducators employed in CPS special education programs will have earned their Bachelors degree in special education and will have obtained their teaching certificate in special education. Under this Project CAST program, each participant has signed an agreement to teach in CPS special education programs for at least five years after completing their Bachelors Degrees.

COMPENSATION: During this period, Chicago State shall be paid as follows:

Contract courses: \$35,000.00

General education course work: \$5,000.00

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition payments.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services: \$40,000.00

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, 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).

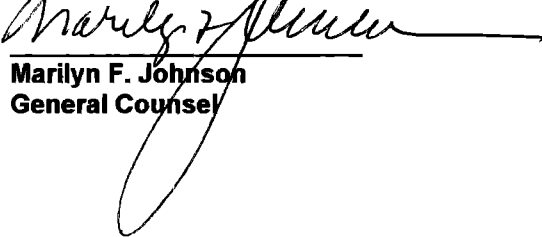
Approved for Consideration:


Anifa Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer


Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer