

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EDUCATION LABS
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to North Central Regional Education Lab (NCREL) who provided consulting services to the Technology Innovation Challenge Grant from September 2001 to September 2002 in the amount of \$234,108. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its proven record as an education evaluator.

Specifications No.: 02-250225

CONSULTANT: North Central Regional Education Lab
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Naperville Illinois 60563
Contact Person: Ray Legler
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Vendor #33132

USER: Technology Innovation Challenge Grant
231 North Pine Avenue
Chicago, IL 60644-2333
Contact person: Lydia C. Nantwi
Tel. No.: 773-534-9669

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant evaluated the scope and implementation of the Technology Innovation Challenge Grant.

DELIVERABLES: The consultant provided surveys, site visits and classroom observation protocols. In addition, consultant had monthly meetings and communications with T4 staff. A technical report and annual report was provided.

OUTCOMES: The services provided by this consultant enabled the Board to meet its annual performance review for the U. S. Department of Education.


COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid the lump sum of \$234,108.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A review of Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation was precluded due to completed contract performance.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

FINANCIAL: Charge to Technology Innovation Challenge Grant: \$234,108 FY: 2002 & FY 2003
Budget Classification: 0509-239-872-8923-5410
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Education Technology Innovation Challenge Grant


Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

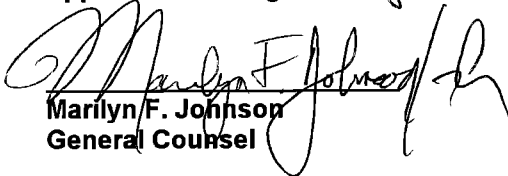
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer *by PAD*

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form: *HW*


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel