

RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ERICKSON INSTITUTE FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with the Erickson Institute to provide consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$85,750 to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer. Consultant will assign Lucinda Lee Katz, exclusively to provide the portion of the services related to early childhood education support. These services began without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its proven expertise and national renown in the area of early childhood education. In addition, Consultant is providing staff for the commission on improving curriculum based assessment in the Chicago Public Schools. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of a written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 02-250228

CONSULTANT:

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Contact Person: Lucinda Lee Katz
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Vendor # 73654

USER:

Office of the Chief Executive Officer
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Chicago, Illinois 60603
Arne Duncan
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TERM: The term of this agreement commenced on August 15, 2002 and shall end December 15, 2003.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant, by Lucinda Lee Katz, will develop and implement the City of Chicago's Strong Start Program which focuses on early childhood development for children between 0 and 5 years of age. In addition, Consultant will provide staff leadership and coordination of activities for the Commission on Improving Curriculum Based Assessment in the Chicago Public Schools.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide the following to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer:

- Introduce the City of Chicago's early childhood plan, Strong Start Program, to CPS early childhood teachers and administrators
- Develop a strategic plan for rolling out the Strong Start Program
- Plan and convene an early childhood forum/summit, *For Chicago's Children A Forum on Early Childhood Education*, where leading experts in the field of Early Childhood Education will discuss and develop a long range action plan for the City of Chicago which focuses on curriculum and learning standards, assessment and learning outcomes, and expanding accessibility
- As a member of the Commission on Improving Curriculum Based Assessment in the Chicago Public Schools, a detailed set of recommendations for improvement in CPS

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in developing an action plan for improving programs that address the developmental needs of children between 0 and 5 years of age to better prepare them for school and adopting recommendations for curriculum based assessment in the Chicago Public Schools.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: two equal payments upon receiving an invoice from the consultant, with total compensation not to exceed \$85,750.

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 Executive Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Citywide General Education Services: \$85,750
Budget Classification: 0950-210-149-7090-5410/FY 2003
Source of Funds: Education Fund 210

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 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:

Approved:

Anita Rocha by BH
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Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

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Chief Executive Officer *by PAD*

Within Appropriation:

Kenneth C. Gotsch
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