

**APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A  
TEXTNET TTY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, MAINTENANCE AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING FROM  
HITEC GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve the purchase and installation of a TextNet TTY communications system, maintenance and associated training from Hitec Group International, Inc. ("Hitec" or "Vendor") for the Office of Technology Services ("OTS") at a cost not to exceed \$805,800.00 for a two (2) year term, of which \$580,176.00 is eligible for, but not contingent upon, discounts in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Federal Government's Universal Services Program ("E-Rate"); at a cost to the Board not to exceed \$255,624.00. Hitec is the provider of services that qualifies the Board for the negotiated discount on all purchases under that certain contract between Hitec and the State of Illinois, through the Department of Central Management Services, which contract was awarded pursuant to a competitive solicitation issued by the State for the benefit of various governmental agencies (the "State Contract"). The State Contract is for a term commencing January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002, with the State having the option to renew the State Contract for three additional one-year terms. The State renewed the State Contract for an additional one-year term commencing January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2003, and the State has indicated that it intends to renew the State Contract for the two remaining one-year option periods. The State Contract allows the Board to purchase under the Hitec Contract effectuated via the issuance of a purchase order to Hitec from the Board. No additional written contract is required for this matter. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

**VENDOR:** Hitec Group International, Inc.  
8160 Madison Avenue  
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527  
Contact: Mr. Richard Uzuanis, Vice President  
Telephone No. 630-654-9200  
Vendor No. 16374

**USERS:** Office of Technology Services  
125 South Clark Street, 3rd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Contact: Elaine L. Williams, Chief Technology Officer  
Telephone No.: (773) 553-1300

**TERM:** These purchases shall be made during the period commencing July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 and, providing the State renews the State Contract, purchases shall continue to be made through December 31, 2005. This term is necessary to coincide with, and allow for the Board's participation in, Year 6 and Year 7 of the E-Rate program.

**DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:** Hitec will provide a TEXTNET telephone system for text telephone (TTYs). TTYs enable telephone calls by people who are deaf, severely hard of hearing and speech restricted. TEXTNET efficiently utilizes the existing investments CPS has made in its data networks and PC equipment to deliver text telephone conversations to PC Workstations. HITEC will also provide design, project management services, training and on-going support, i.e. moves, adds and changes, as it pertains to TEXTNET.

**OUTCOMES:** As a result of these purchases and services, the Board will be in compliance with legal mandates of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, IDEA and Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act and provide TTY resources and training. Vendor's services will also provide the Board with maintenance, on-going support and associated training district-wide.

**COMPENSATION:** Vendor shall be paid during this two (2) year period as follows: upon invoicing, at the negotiated discounted rates as specified in the pricing formulas in the State Contract for a cost not to exceed \$805,800.00, of which \$580,176.00 is eligible for, but not contingent upon, E-Rate discounts; at a cost to the Board not to exceed \$255,624.00

**AUTHORIZATION:** No additional written contract is required for this matter. Authorize the Chief Technology Officer to execute any ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these purchases.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** This contract is exempt from M/WBE review due to the fact that this contract already has a State Mandated Plan.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Technology Services: \$805,800.00

Budget Classification:	0960-210-000-1618-5730	\$387,120.00	FY04
	0960-210-000-1618-5730	\$267,120.00	FY05 (maintenance)
	0960-210-000-1618-5730	\$151,560.00	FY06 (maintenance)

**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.

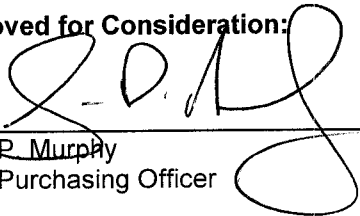
**Conflicts** – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of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



Sean R. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

**Approved:**



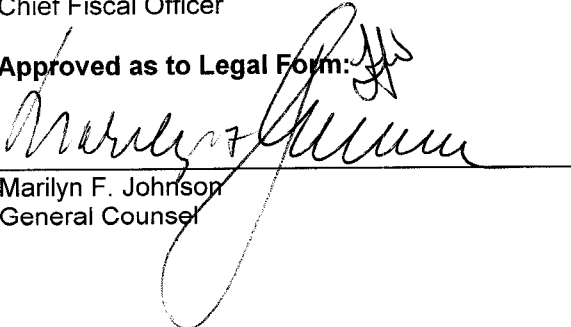
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**



Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel