

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAST SERVICES, INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with Bast Services, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office for Mathematics and Science at a cost not to exceed \$400,000. Consultant began services without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is the sole provider of the program specified in a grant received from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. A written agreement for consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to consultant 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 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No: 02-250257

CONSULTANT: Bast Services, Inc.
1921 Richfield Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035
Vendor # 31306
Contact: Sandra Bast
Phone: 847-831-3608

USER: Office for Mathematics and Science
Medill TPDC
1326 W. 14th Place, Room 101A
Contact: Martin Gartzman, Chief Officer
Phone: 773-553-6230

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence September 1, 2002 and end August 31, 2003 with one option to renew for an additional one-year period at a cost of \$400,000.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will provide education coordinators to visit schools in Regions 2,3, and 5 on a bimonthly basis to offer support and guidance to CPS educators accessing the Space Explorers Programs via the Internet. Teachers in these regions will also have access to online support and an 800 technical support phone number. The consultant will provide Internet access to the following modules of the Space Explorers: K-3 Space, Moonlike (Gr. 4-12), NEARlink (Grs. 4-12), Marslink (Grs. 4-12), and Orbital Laboratory (Grs 4-12). The consultant will allow any student who attends any CPS school in Regions 2,3 or 5 access to this program from anywhere they have Internet access.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide: Internet access for all schools in Regions 2,3, and 5 to the Space Explores Program as well as training and support for teachers in all schools in Regions 2,3, and 5 accessing the Space Explorers Program.

OUTCOMES: Consultant services shall result in enhanced student proficiency in reading, mathematics, and science, and the use of technology while simultaneously preparing students for future study and employment.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid the first installment of \$200,000 on January 30, a second installment of \$100,00 on April 30, 2003 and a final installment of \$100,000 on August 1, 2003 not to exceed the sum of \$400,000.

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 Officer for Mathematics and Science 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% total 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 contract scope is not further divisible*.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office for Mathematics and Science	Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0951-281-338-7981-5410 \$ 100,000	Source of Funds: Illinois First Grant
0951-281-338-7981-5420 \$ 300,000	
Requisition Number: [#]	

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 P. Murphy
 Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



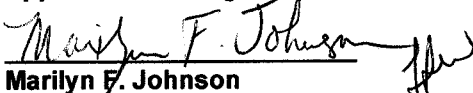
 Arne Duncan
 Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



 Kenneth C. Gotsch
 Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



 Marilyn F. Johnson
 General Counsel