

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
SPECIALIZED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADAPTED EQUIPMENT,  
MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING SERVICES**

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

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreements with the seventeen vendors identified below for the purchase of specialized adapted equipment, maintenance and training services required for use by the Office of Specialized Services, at an aggregate cost not to exceed \$1,177,248. These contracts are subject to the Board's Strategic Sourcing Policy. A written renewal agreement with each vendor is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any vendor during the renewal period prior to the execution of such vendor's written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each vendor in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed by such vendor within 90 days of the date of this amended Board Report. Information pertinent to these renewal agreements is stated below.

**SPECIFICATION NO.: 00-250657**

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE**

- VENDORS:**
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| <p>1. AbleNet, Inc.<br/>1081 Tenth Ave. S.E.<br/>Minneapolis, MN 55414-1312<br/>Contact: Ms. Patricia Wright<br/>800/ 322-0956<br/>Vendor No. 46635</p>     | <p>2. Advanced Multimedia Devices, Inc.<br/>31 Watermill Lane<br/>Great Neck, NY 11021<br/>Contact: Mr. Sam Tang<br/>516/ 822-0808<br/>Vendor No. 31044</p>                        |
| <p>3. AlphaSmart, Inc.<br/>20400 Stevens Creek Blvd. #300<br/>Cupertino, CA 95014<br/>Contact: Ms. Melanie Oddou<br/>408/ 252-9400<br/>Vendor No. 14341</p> | <p>4. Attainment Company, Inc.<br/>P.O. Box 930160, 504 Commerce Pkwy.<br/>Verina, WI 53593-0160<br/>Contact: Brent Denu<br/>800/ 327-4269<br/>Vendor No. 18842</p>                |
| <p>5. Don Johnston Incorporated<br/>26799 W. Commerce<br/>Volo, IL 60073<br/>Contact: Margaret Kiszonas<br/>847/ 740-0749<br/>Vendor No. 42654</p>          | <p>6. Humanware, Inc.<br/>6245 King Rd.<br/>Loomis, CA 95650<br/>Contact: Dominic Gagliano<br/>800/ 722-3393<br/>Vendor No. 45608</p>  |
| <p>7. IntelliTools Inc.<br/>1720 Corporate Dr.<br/>Petaluma, CA 94954<br/>Contact: Ann Olsen<br/>707/ 773-2000<br/>Vendor No. 39690</p>                     | <p>8. Kaplan Companies Inc.<br/>P.O. Box 609<br/>1310 Lewisville-Clemmons Road<br/>Lewisville, NC 27023-0609<br/>Contact: Brenda Roberts<br/>800/334-2014<br/>Vendor No. 44622</p> |
| <p>9. Mayer-Johnson, Inc.<br/>P.O. Box 1579<br/>Solana Beach, CA 92075<br/>Contact: Nancy Clermont<br/>858/550-0084<br/>Vendor No. 19839</p>                | <p>10. Nationwide Medical Equipment<br/>1034 Sterling Ave.<br/>Flossmoor, IL 60422<br/>Contact: Marcene P. Brown<br/>708/957-0815<br/>Vendor No. 31401</p>                         |

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| <p>11. Saltillo Corporation<br/>2143 Township Rd. #112<br/>Millersburg, OH 44654<br/>Contact: Leona Hershberger<br/>800/382-8622<br/>Vendor No. 31751</p> <p>13. Technology for Education, Inc.<br/>1870 50<sup>th</sup> Street E Suite 7<br/>Invergrove Hts., MN 55077-1270<br/>Contact: Jim Rogers<br/>651/457-1917<br/>Vendor No. 31037</p> <p>15. Dynavox Systems, LLC<br/>2100 Wharton St., Ste. 400<br/>Pittsburgh, PA 15203<br/>Contact: Susanne Peroni<br/>800/344-1778, 4246<br/>Vendor No. 17922</p> <p>17. Hach Associates, Inc.<br/>411 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street<br/>Winston-Salem, NC 27101<br/>Contact: Ginny Norton<br/>800/624-7968<br/>Vendor No. 11979</p> | <p>12. SoftTouch, Inc.<br/>4300 Stine Rd. Suite401<br/>Bakersfield, CA 93313<br/>Contact: Duane Meyer<br/>661/396-8676<br/>Vendor No. 27413</p> <p>14. Woodlake Technologies, Inc.<br/>650 W. Lake St., Ste. 320<br/>Chicago, IL 60661<br/>Contact: Ralph Samek<br/>312/655-9200<br/>Vendor No. 12875</p> <p>16. Exceptional Computing<br/>450 NW 58<sup>th</sup> St.<br/>Gainesville, FL 32607<br/>Contact: Robert H. McPherson<br/>356/331-8847<br/>Vendor No. 48333</p> |
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**USER:** Office of Specialized Services  
Contact Person: Jacqueline Daly – 773-553-2274

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS:** The original agreements (amended by Board Report 01-0221-PR30) are for a term commencing with the date of execution and ending 24 months thereafter, with the Board having 2 options to renew for 12-month periods. The original agreements were awarded pursuant to a duly advertised RFP (Specification No. 00-250657). Originally, 20 vendors were awarded contracts for these services; however, the agreements with Augmentative Communication Consultants, Prentke Romich Company, and TLC Multimedia, Inc. are not being renewed because the Office of Specialized Services either no longer uses the products and services offered by these companies or acquires the products from another source.

**OPTION PERIOD:** Each agreement shall be renewed for one additional period of approximately 12 months, ending April 1, 2004.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There is one option period for one (1) year remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Vendors will continue to provide the services and equipment identified in the original agreement. The Office of Specialized Services may purchase services and equipment at its option via requisition to Procurement and Contracts which will mail a purchase order to the Vendor. Purchases over \$10,000.00 to any one vendor under this Board Report must be approved by the Chief Specialized Services Officer.

**DELIVERABLES:** Vendors will continue to provide Assistive Technology Equipment, Maintenance and Training services to Specialized Services Staff.

**PRICES:** Vendors will provide the services and equipment at the prices indicated in the written renewal agreements.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreements.

Authorize the Chief Purchasing Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to:  
0966-220-383-2738-5730 - \$905,748  
0966-220-383-2738-5310 - \$ 50,000  
0966-220-383-2738-5320 - \$ 87,600  
0966-220-383-2760-5730 - \$103,900  
0966-220-383-2738-5470 - \$ 30,000

Fiscal Years: 2002-2003

**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.

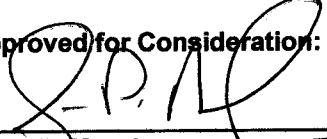
**Conflicts –** The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of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

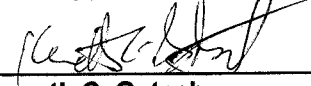
**Ethics –** The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**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).

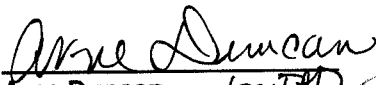
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Sean P. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

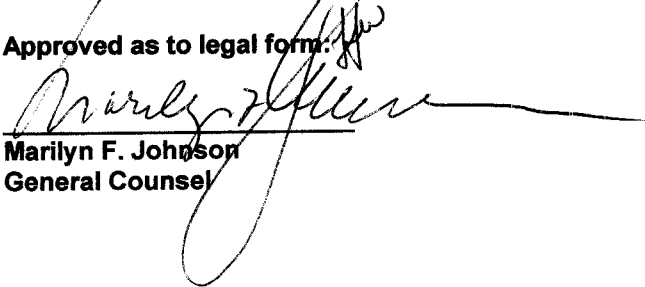
**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel