

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE ILLINOIS RESOURCE CENTER
FOR ILLINOIS NCLB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to the Illinois Resource Center for Illinois IASA Conference Fees for the Department of Funded Programs in the amount of \$30,000. No written agreement is necessary for this matter. Information pertinent to this conference is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250011

VENDOR: Illinois Resource Center
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Des Plaines, IL 60018
Contact Person: Ron Perlman
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Vendor# 27537

USER: Department of Funded Programs
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Contact Person: Eva Nickolich
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CONFERENCE DATE: The NCLB Conference shall be held on January 29, 30, 31, 2003, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois.

DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE: The Illinois State Board of Education is sponsoring a conference for teachers and administrations involved in IASA programs. The Illinois Resource Center conducts the conference and requests participation of teachers and administrators. This conference covers Federal legislation and state guidelines for IASA programs, best educational practices for students at-risk, and innovative programs that utilize research-based models.

PAYMENT: The Illinois Resource Center shall be paid the sum of \$30,000, which represents registration fees for 375 Chicago teachers and administrators at a cost of \$85.00 each.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is a rental agreement.

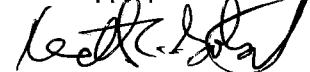
LSC Review: Not applicable.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Department of Funded Programs, Budget Classification:
0310-242-348-8273-5420
Fiscal year: 2003, Source of Funds: NCLB Funds

Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

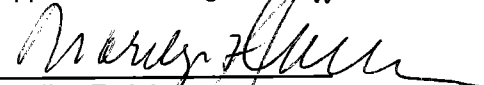
Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel