

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND  
EVALUATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Department of Pupil Support Services at a cost not to exceed \$65,492.40. The consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is identified as a service provider in the grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the proposal entitled, "Avenues for Success." A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the 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.: 03-250029

**CONSULTANT:** Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE)  
1229 East Franklin Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514  
919-967-8998 x13  
Contact: Dr. Chris Ringwalt  
Vendor#: 37730

**USER:** Office of Specialized Services, Department of Pupil Support Services  
125 South Clark, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Contact: Patricia McPhearson Davis, Safe and Drug Free Schools, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
553-2050

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on February 27, 2003 and shall end February 26, 2004. This agreement shall have two options to renew for a period of one year per renewal period.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30-days notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant shall provide services to 100 at-risk freshmen in six high schools: Austin, Crane, Kelvyn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth for a total of 600 students. PIRE will conduct a comprehensive project evaluation focusing on process and outcomes utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods. PIRE will work with Youth Guidance and Northeastern Illinois University to gather the required data. PIRE will evaluate the Avenues for Success program, which is based on Project Success, a family service delivery model.

**DELIVERABLES:** PIRE will collect pre and post data on attendance, grades and disciplinary acts in the school. Informed parent consents will be on file; confidentiality of student information will be maintained. PIRE will complete and submit to the Board's designee a complete project evaluation based on process and outcomes for Year 1 four weeks prior to the end of the grant term. All deliverables are subject to the approval and acceptance by the Board's designee. PIRE will submit bi-monthly progress reports to the Board's designee.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in the following improvements in school performance for the participants in the Avenues for Success program: The participants will show a 10-20% decrease in disciplinary actions as measured by misconduct reports; 15-25% decrease in truancy rate; and improved letter grades in four core subjects.

**COMPENSATION:** For Services rendered from February 27, 2003 to February 26, 2004, PIRE shall be paid \$65,492.40 in the aggregate.

**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 Specialized Services 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% 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 of Specialized Services-Pupil Support Services: \$65,492.40. FY 2003  
Budget Classification: 0965-239-312-8984-5410  
Source of Funds: Misc. Federal/State  
Requisition Number: #pending

**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).

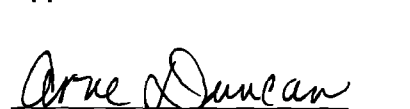
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Sean P. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

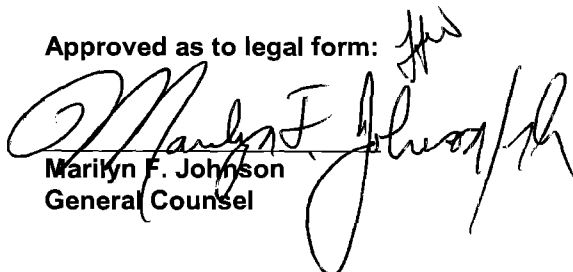
**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer *by PAD*

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel