

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Northeastern Illinois University to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Department of Pupil Support Services at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. The Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is identified as a service provider in grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the proposal entitled, "Avenues for Success." A written agreement for Consultant 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.: 03-250024**

**CONSULTANT:** Northeastern Illinois University  
770 North Halsted Street Suite 420  
Chicago, Illinois 60622  
312-733-7330 x420  
Contact: Richard Rutschman  
Vendor# 12977

**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  
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**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 one hundred at-risk freshmen from each of the following schools: Austin, Crane, Kelvyn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will provide staff to teach the out-door education and experiential activities that will support the implementation of the Avenues for Success objectives of developing decision-making, leadership, and interpersonal skills. NEIU will provide two out-door education activities per quarter at each school. Activities will include obstacle course, rope climbing, wall climbing and camping experiences. All activities will be supervised by certified out-door education staff. Separate informed consents will be on file for each fieldtrip.

**DELIVERABLES:** NEIU's Adventures in Education staff, the local school and Youth Guidance counselors will select appropriate students from the pool of 100 freshmen in each school to participate in the experiential education component of Avenues for Success. Approximately 200 students who will be identified as most at-risk will be selected for this experiential education portion of the program. The Adventures in Education staff will offer a minimum of two experiential education activities to each student per quarter during the term of the grant. The staff will provide on-going orientation and share resources on experiential education methodologies with the Youth Guidance counselors and CPS staff.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant services will result in the following improvements in school performance for participants in the Avenues for Success program: The participants will show a 10-20% decrease in disciplinary actions; 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, NEIU will be paid \$75,000 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:** 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 vendor is a public university.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Specialized Services-Pupil Support Services: \$75,000.  
Fiscal Year: 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).

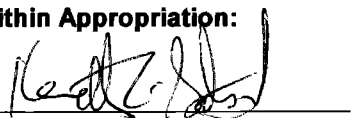
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Sean P. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel