

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO BLACKWELL CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve payment to Blackwell Consulting Service, LLC ("Blackwell") for consulting services provided to the Office of Technology Services ("OTS") from October 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002 in the amount of \$842,218.39. These services were rendered without prior Board approval due to the emergency need for Payroll, Kronos and Citrix server maintenance, configuration and support. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its expertise, skill levels and previous work for the Board. All services have been completed.

CONSULTANT: Blackwell Consulting Services
100 South Wacker Drive, Suite 200
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Contact: Valerie Tyler
Telephone No. 312-553-0730
Vendor No. 20588

USER: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark, 3rd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact: David Vitale, Acting Chief Technology Officer
Telephone No. 773-553-1300

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Blackwell provided the following services:

- Developed and implemented, configured, tuned and maintained Corporate NT 4.0 and WIN2000 servers, as it pertains to the Payroll environment.
- Maintenance and support for centralized Kronos communications, Citrix and Web servers, including the daily administration of software and hardware, asset management and weekly status reporting
- Performed third-level troubleshooting and consultation of Kronos application and Payroll-related issues

DELIVERABLES: Blackwell performed and documented the above services.

OUTCOME: Blackwell performed and documented the above services.

COMPENSATION: Blackwell shall be paid upon invoicing, one lump sum payment in the amount of \$842,218.39.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: A review of Minority and Women Business Enterprise participation was precluded due to completed contract performance.

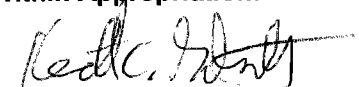
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Technology Services: \$842,218.39
Budget Classification: 0960-210-000-1110-5410 \$842,218.39 FY03


Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

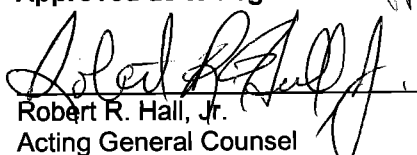
Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


Robert R. Hall, Jr.
Acting General Counsel