

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GARY W. MORRIS ASSOCIATES
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Gary W. Morris Associates for consultant services to conduct an independent evaluation of the Board's Federally Funded Project CANAL program at a cost not to exceed \$37,500.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis of their experience in performing program evaluations. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250040

CONSULTANT: Gary W. Morris Associates
6806 South Clarendon Hills Road
Darien, IL. 60603
(630) 323-3708

USER: Deputy Chief Education Office
125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL. 60603
Contact Person: Dr. Joan Wilson-Epps
(773) 553-2045

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on March 31, 2003 and shall end July 31, 2003.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Project CANAL grant targets three areas: increased student achievement in reading and mathematics, reinforcement of teacher professionalism in the schools, and strengthening the involvement between the home and the school. U.S. Department of Education has issued Enhanced Evaluation Design requirements for this final report.

The consultant shall provide services for the Project CANAL program and shall work with (5) five grant schools: Burnham, Chopin, Mitchell, Stewart, and Brenemann Schools. Consultant will evaluate Project CANAL programs for Federal Reporting Purposes with the school's leadership team, the site-based data manager, and the probation manager, where applicable.

DELIVERABLES: The consultant will be responsible for the following: development of a work plan, development and identification of evaluation instruments, a summative evaluation report, and data analysis.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in a determination as to what extent project objectives were met in improving student achievement for the Project CANAL for Federal Reporting.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be reimbursed in two (2) equal installments: the first payable upon contract signing, and the second payable upon completion of services. Total compensation shall not exceed \$37,500.00, which includes all reimbursable expenses.

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The vendor for this contract is an independent consultant (100% Non-Minority).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Project CANAL-\$37,500.00
Budget Classification: 0440-239-899-7976-5410

Fiscal Year: 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.

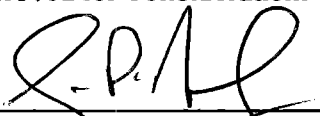
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

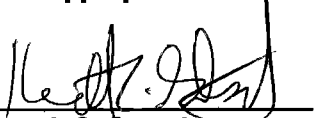
Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

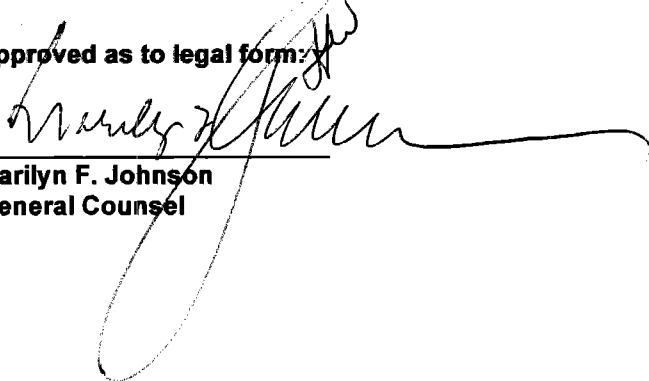
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel