

**AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES TO
THE NATIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the payment of registration fees to the National Staff Development Council for eleven (11) professional staff of the Chicago Reading Initiative – a department of the Office of Professional Development - to attend the Council's Academy at a cost not to exceed \$30,800. The vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the uniqueness of the professional development program components and approaches of the NSDC Academy. CPS professional staff has participated in the National Staff Development Council Academy in past years with satisfactory outcomes. No written agreement is required for this matter. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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Oxford, Ohio 45056
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Vendor #40362

USER: Office of Professional Development – Chicago Reading Initiative
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TERM OF THIS AUTHORIZATION: This authorization is for registration fees for the 2 ½ year program which commences July 18, 2003 and ends December 31, 2005.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NSDC ACADEMY PROGRAM: The National Staff Development Council's Academy is a 2 ½ year learning community in which participants link the professional learning of educators with student learning. The Academy experience includes four, three and one-half day sessions at sites outside Chicago, a Learning Group that supports participants' work between sessions, local study groups, and ongoing support from Academy faculty. Eleven (11) professional staff of the Office of Professional Development – Chicago Reading Initiative will participate in the National Staff Development Council's Academy XV for a period of 2 ½ years commencing on July 18, 2003.

OUTCOMES: Participants in this program will receive:

- Advanced understanding of the connection between professional learning and student learning
- Increased knowledge of the research base supporting effective professional learning
- Increased development of leadership, planning, and facilitation skills
- Opportunity to expand a collaborative network with mentors and technical assistance providers through Learning Groups
- Ability to transfer skills to organization (CPS)
- Completed a Learning Group Portfolio including job-focused targets and products

COMPENSATION: Payment shall be as follows: \$30,800 upon invoicing for eleven (11) participants at the fixed registration rate of \$2,800 per participant.

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 unique transaction.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Professional Development - CRI: \$30,800 Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0320-239-913-1049-5420
Source of Funds: Reading Excellence Act Grant
Requisition Number: [#]

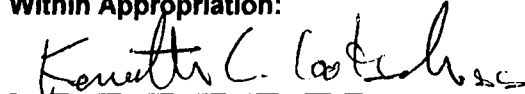
Approved for Consideration:


Sean Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

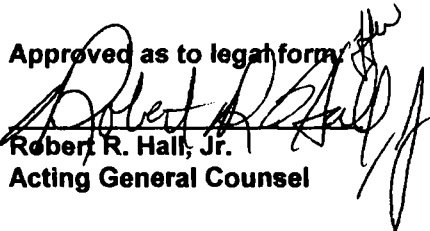
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Robert R. Hall, Jr.
Acting General Counsel