

RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH WEST ED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with West Ed for consulting services provided to the Office of the Chief Education Officer. at a cost not to exceed \$124,134. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because West Ed is the premier agency in the country providing support to school districts in the area of standards alignment, assessment and accountability. 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 agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250147

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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on April 25, 2003 and end on August 31, 2003.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: West Ed will 1) develop uniform grade level bands to correspond to each of the Illinois Learning Standards and, 2) determine the policies and structures required to support curriculum and assessment reform.

DELIVERABLES: West Ed will produce grade level bands from the Illinois Learning Standards for each of the following grade levels and areas: 1) K-8 – literacy; 2) K-8 - mathematics; 3) K-8 – science and, 4) high school course sequences in ELA (literacy), mathematics and science. Additionally, the consultant will develop a reform plan to support CPS reform activities.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the production of grade level bands which will unify teacher efforts across the city to teach to the Illinois Learning Standards (ILS), ensuring efficiency and coherence of instruction across schools throughout the district.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid in one lump sum after the completion of services on August 31, 2003, not to exceed \$ 124,134.00.

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 Chief Education 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 scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Chief Education Office - \$124,134 Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0105-242-356-7873-5410 Source of Funds: NCLB - 242
Requisition Number:

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).

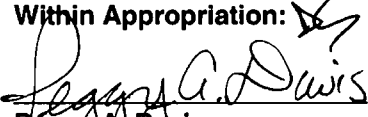
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