

APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve payment to The University of Chicago for consulting services provided to Strategic Planning and Development at a cost not to exceed \$82,741.00. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was selected on a noncompetitive basis because of its expertise in national best practices and national expertise in educational research data manipulation and analysis. Consultant was retained in anticipation of the receipt of a grant from the MacArthur Foundation to cover the cost of services rendered. Information pertinent to these services is stated below.

Specification No. 03-250146

CONSULTANT: The University of Chicago
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USER: Planning and Development Unit
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TERM: These services were provided from July 2, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant directed all projects associated with the Strategic Planning and Development Unit at CPS and oversaw the collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data and synthesized necessary information to support CPS staff in developing planning framework and questions. Consultant provided support and direction for the Planning and Development staff for the Student Development Planning Initiative, which provided recommendations to CPS administration on how to best begin to implement goals 4, 5, and 6 in the Education Plan. Data summaries and analysis focused on six areas: Post-secondary education for CPS students, Alternative Learning Communities and Opportunities for CPS students and parents, CPS students in Special Circumstances, Program alignment in High Schools, CPS Student Health, and Community Schools and linkages. Consultant oversaw the data that was compiled and analyzed from multiple sources, presented the data, and supported ongoing inquiry. In addition, the consultant worked on the identification of major issues facing CPS and barriers to district operations along with building capacity within CPS to address these issues and the assessment of current CPS programs and policies and their strengths and weaknesses.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant developed a framework for conducting focus groups in CPS schools with principals, teachers, students and parents, reviewed and summarized relevant national research. Consultant gathered national best practices as directed, provided data, comprehensive analysis and data analysis to support the work of planning and development. Consultant produced the following:

- A comprehensive plan for High School improvement
- A comprehensive plan for alternative school options
- Strategy for redevelopment of Academic Prep Centers
- Policy, strategy and incentives for increasing post secondary quality, placement and attainment
- Recommendations for improving services to DCFS wards in CPS schools
- Strategy for aligning student development supports in High Schools
- Recommendations for resource alignment and increased effectiveness of health services to CPS students citywide
- Strategy and recommendations for expansion of after school programming to serve all CPS students,
- Creation and delivery of professional development related to PSAE analysis, construction, including CD-ROM *video for all High Schools.

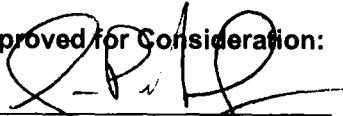
OUTCOMES: Consultant's services resulted in the Office of Strategic Planning and Development being able to undertake data-driven initiatives to support the alignment of resources and the implementation of the CPS Education Plan.

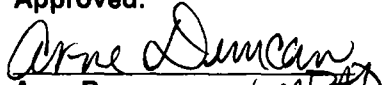
COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: in one lump sum of \$82,741.00.

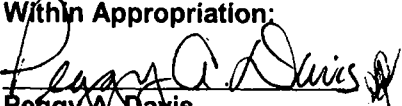
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE) this contract is exempt from review because *the vendor is a university.*

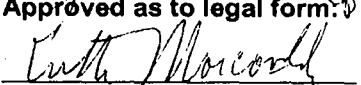
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to Planning and Development: \$82,741.00 Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0140-280-432-1170-5410 Amount: \$82,741.00
Source of Funds: Special Funds Income, 280 (MacArthur Foundation)
Requisition Number:

Approved for Consideration:

Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:

Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

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Chief of Staff

Approved as to legal form:

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