

**RATIFY THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
FOR GRANT SERVICES RELATED TO THE EMPLOYABILITY PLUS PROGRAM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify the renewal of the existing agreement with the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") for grant services related to the Employability Plus Program (E.P.P.). A written renewal agreement is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

**Specification No: 02-250023**

**GRANTOR:**

Chicago Housing Authority  
626 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Terry Peterson, C.E.O.  
Pamela Cotton, Staff Council  
312-791-8500

**USER:**

Crane Tech Prep Common School  
2245 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60612  
Milver L. Scott, Principal  
June P. Collins, School Operations Manager  
773-534-7550  
Johnetta James - Area 21 Instructional Officer

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 02-0327-PR29) is for a term commencing January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002.

**EXTENSION TERM:** By mutual agreement of the parties, the agreement shall be extended for a term commencing January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2003.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Employability Plus Program (E.P.P.) is an alternative education program, as well as a special work-study program located in the ABLA housing development. The program is designed to teach young people skills that they have not mastered in school, and prepare them for the GED or higher education. The E.P.P. consists of three basic components: academic, counseling and employment.

**PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:** CHA will continue to provide classroom space to accommodate at least fifty (50) participants, identify program participants and reimburse the Board upon invoice for monies spent in the amount of \$73,300. The reimbursed funds will cover costs for the teacher compensation for the summer program and extended hours, parent stipends, general supplies and carfare. The Board through Crane Tech Prep Common School, will continue to provide a teacher/coordinator who will teach the classes and coordinate the provision of other educational and support services. To this end, the Board will continue to employ one full-time teacher coordinator (for ten months- 6 hours per day).

**OUTCOMES:** The outcomes of the E.P.P. will continue to include the following:

- Provide opportunities for housing residents to be transitioned into the general vocational or alternative high school and/or receive a G.E.D. Certificate.
- Development of a replicable model that improves the employment opportunities of public housing residents.
- Reduction of drug activity in the community by offering positive, developmental opportunities for high-risk youth.

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** CHA will reimburse the Board for sums spent on the teacher/coordinator's summer and extended pay, parent stipends, general supplies and carfare, not to exceed \$73,300.00.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreement.

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

**LSC REVIEW:** This action was approved by the LSC of Crane Tech on April 3, 2003.

**FINANCIAL:** Credit to Crane Tech Prep Common School Fiscal Year 2003  
Budget Classification: 1270-280-118-0215 "Sundry objects" \$73,300

**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.

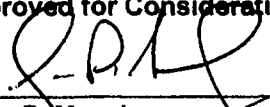
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

  
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Sean P. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

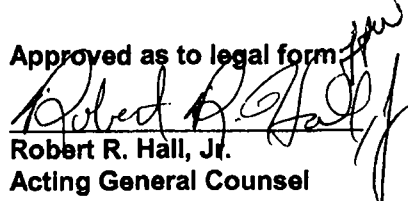
**Approved:**

  
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Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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Peggy A. Davis  
Chief of Staff

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
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Robert R. Hall, Jr.  
Acting General Counsel