

APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CORETTA MCFERREN FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Coretta McFerren to provide consulting services to the Parent & Community Training Academy (PCTA), School and Community Relations at a cost not to exceed \$59,670.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis due to consultant's unique skills, experience, contacts as a community organizer and sensitivity to the needs, issues, abilities and resources in the development of parents. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. Consultant shall provide no services and 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 the Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specifications No. 02-250106

CONSULTANT: Coretta McFerren
319 East 165th Place, South Holland, Illinois 60473
Phone Number: 708-339-7059, Vendor #84373

USER: School and Community Relations-PCTA
3663 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois 60653; Tel No: 773-535-8660
Contact person: Dr. Kimberly Muhammad-Earl

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30, 2004.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will provide consulting services to PCTA offering training, technical assistance and support to the various programs and parents who work in the programs. In addition, consultant will provide the following essential services to the PCTA program:

- Provide parents with the necessary skills, tools and abilities to enhance their children's learning at home and in school
- Assist with the facilitation of the Renaissance Initiative
- Monitor discipline and attendance of students from the closing schools
- Assist with problems that students may be experiencing at home and in school
- Monitor academic progress of students from closed schools, particularly students who have been identified as academic-risk
- Encourage successful parent-child interactions and communications
- Support parents in their skill development and life skills training for personal growth and employment placement
- Increase parental involvement in the community with policy and decision-making
- Develop a mechanism to provide whole family education to communities at large

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide services 3-5 days per week and will provide weekly status reports to the director of the Parent & Community Training Academy.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in participants having increased parental awareness of community policing programs, gang and drug prevention and domestic violence and to help their children with these issues; Improve literacy and job-readiness skills and an increased participation in school activities; Improve parent's life skills, job readiness, work experience, and job opportunities; Increase in professional growth and development of parents'

academic and skill levels; Increase performance on schoolwork and test scores; Improve self-esteem and increase awareness of how to live more fulfilling lives and how to get along with their peers and develop a respect for self and others; Increase literacy and improvement in self-esteem and a decrease in behavioral and discipline problems, and improve grades and test scores of students.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: \$300 per day, not to exceed \$59,670.00

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.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the prime is an independent consultant (1005 WBE).

FINANCIAL: Charge to School and Community Relations-PCTA \$59,670.00 FY-04
Budget Classification: 0130-210-000-8010-5410 Source of Fund: General Educational

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.

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).

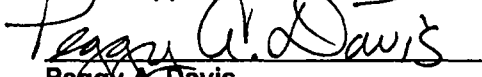
Approved for Consideration:


Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Peggy A. Davis
Chief of Staff

Approved as to legal form:


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel