

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE BLACK PEARL WORKSHOP  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Little Black Pearl Workshop to provide a summer arts program at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.00. The consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of previous satisfactory services provided by Little Black Pearl Workshop to the Chicago Public Schools. 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.

**CONSULTANT:** Little Black Pearl Workshop  
4200 S. Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60653  
Diana L. Thomas  
(773) 285-1211  
Vendor #25990

**USER:** Office of Schools and Regions  
125 S. Clark Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois, 60603  
Dr. William E. McGowan  
(773) 553-2150

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on July 28, 2003 and shall end August 31, 2003.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant will provide services to a group of students who were recruited through all schools in the Kenwood/Oakland area. The services include the offering of a multi-disciplinary curriculum that includes retail business, marketing, art history, and fine arts topics that is aimed toward the establishment of a business incubator. At consultant's direction, participating students will create a marketing campaign centered around obtaining custom order requests from the community and create artistic custom order items that are relative to the home, i.e. address plates, wall hangings, trivets, etc.

**DELIVERABLES:** There will be thirty (30) students who will participate in the program for five (5) hours and day, five (5) days and week, for five (5) weeks. Participants in the summer program will demonstrate increased knowledge of business concepts and procedures, students will demonstrate an increase in problem solving and critical thinking skills, participants will increase their ability to make connections between academics and activities at Little Black Pearl Workshop.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in a neutral and safe environment for children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds; will promote team building through group projects and collective responsibility; will encourage children to make connections between the arts, academic disciplines, and business, and will install pride and build self-esteem.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid \$45,000.00 upon invoicing at the completion of services.

**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.

**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 *partial* waiver of the participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) be granted due to this contract being not further divisible.

The vendor has however, identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

**Total MBE 62%**

**Total African American 62%**

Community Insurance Center, Inc. 526 E. 87 <sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60619	\$24,000.00	53%
	certified until 7/31/03	
Benford Brown & Assoc. 2319 E. 71 <sup>st</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60649	\$4,000.00	9%
	certified until 8/31/03	

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable to the report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Schools and Regions: \$45,000.00      Fiscal Year 203-2004  
Budget Classification: 0953-210-063-2240-5410      Source of Funds: General

**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 (95-0927-RU3), 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.


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