

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Northeastern Illinois University to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities at a cost for the first option period not to exceed \$132,000. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the Consultant during the first option period prior to the execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250301

CONSULTANT: Northeastern Illinois University
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Chicago, Illinois 60622
Contact: Richard Rutschman
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Vendor# 12977

USER: Office of Specialized Services
Safe and Drug Free Schools & Communities
125 South Clark, 8th floor
Contact: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell
Phone: 553-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 03-0225-PR41) in the amount of \$75,000 is for a term commencing February 27, 2003 and ending February 26, 2004, with the Board having the option to extend the agreement for 2 additional one-year periods. The original Agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because the consultant is identified as a service provider in the grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the proposal entitled "Avenues for Success."

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for one (1) year commencing February 27, 2004 and ending February 26, 2005.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one (1) option to renew for one (1) year remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will continue to provide services to not less than one hundred at-risk freshmen from each of the following schools: Austin, Crane, Kelvyn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth. Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will continue to provide staff to teach the out-door education and experiential activities that will support the implementation of the Avenues for Success objectives of developing decision-making, leadership, and interpersonal skills. NEIU will continue to provide two out-door education activities per quarter at each school. Activities will include obstacle course, rope climbing, wall climbing and camping experiences. All activities will be supervised by certified out-door education staff. Separate informed consents will be on file for each fieldtrip.

DELIVERABLES: During the option period, NEIU's Adventures in Education staff, the local school and Youth Guidance counselors will select appropriate students from the pool of not less than 100 freshmen in each school to participate in the experiential education component of Avenues for Success. The Adventure Education staff will provide experiential educational activities to students identified by the Youth Guidance Counselors at each school site during the Prevention Education Series of the Program. The Adventure Education staff will also offer a minimum of two off-site experiential education activities per school each quarter to students during the term of the grant. The Adventure Education Staff will also

provide on-going orientation and share resources on experiential education methodologies with the Youth Guidance counselors and CPS staff.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in the following improvements in school performance for participants in the Avenues for Success program: a 10-20% decrease in disciplinary actions; 15-25% decrease in truancy rate; and improved letter grades in four core subjects.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid monthly upon invoicing a sum not to exceed \$132,000 during the first option period.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) 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 Office of Specialized Services: \$132,000.
Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0965-239-546-8984-5410
Source of Funds: Misc. Federal/State
Requisition Number: pending

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.

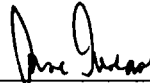
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



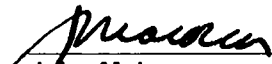
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



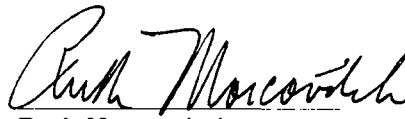
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel