

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH YOUTH GUIDANCE FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Youth Guidance 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 \$441,964. 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.: 03-250299

CONSULTANTS: Youth Guidance (YG)
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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: *The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 03-0225-PR40, as amended by Board Reports 03-0723-PR43 and 03-0924-PR25) in the amount of \$357,600 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 one hundred at-risk freshmen in six high schools: Austin, Crane, Kelvyn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth for a total of 600 who will participate in Avenues for Success. Avenues for Success (AFS) is based on Project Success, a SAMHA/CSAP National Registry of Effective Prevention Program. AFS uses a family outreach and referral base model. Youth Guidance will continue to use hired counselors who will continue to teach an eight-session substance abuse prevention education program (Project Success Curriculum), provide individual assessments for all students in Avenues for Success (AFS) and individual and/or group counseling, set-up referral and treatment services as warranted, and provide referrals and workshops for parents. The consultant will continue to train and inform the community about AFS. One hundred freshmen will be eligible to participate from each of the schools. Youth Guidance (YG) will continue to work with Northeastern Illinois University to coordinate the experiential (out-door) program component, and with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE) to expedite the completion of a project evaluation. The YG staff will participate in the required grant and Project Success training.*

DELIVERABLES: YG will continue to teach eight drug abuse and violence prevention student workshop lessons utilizing the Project Success curriculum, administer not less than 100 student assessments per school, develop and implement a referral network reflecting student/parent service and treatment

coordination, and coordinate the experiential education activities with other program components. YG will assist PIRE in completing the project evaluation by making reports, and providing information such as minutes of meetings, school data, as well as data on services provided by each Youth Guidance Counselor available to the evaluator. YG will distribute and collect signed, informed consents for all participating students, and submit monthly program monitoring and financial reports to the Program Director. YG counselors will provide group and individual counseling to 100 at-risk students, and conduct student and staff program orientations.

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

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: in three installments for services rendered and reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$441,964 during the first option period.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: Consultant may receive reimbursement for the following:

- (a) Travel-related Expenses for grantor meetings throughout the year. To fulfill grantor's requirement that grantees send representatives to quarterly meetings, money will be allocated to allow the Youth Guidance Counselors and at least one Youth Guidance administrator to attend these meetings. Such travel-related expenses shall not exceed Twelve Thousand and 00/100 (\$12,000.00) in the aggregate.
- (b) Food and Beverages used for Program-Related activities. Such food and beverage expenses shall not exceed Six Thousand and 00/100 (\$6,000.00) in the aggregate and Consultant shall present a tax-exempt number when purchasing such food and beverages.
- (c) Professional Development Trainings for Youth Guidance Counselors to remain current on the issues related to alcohol abuse and prevention. Such professional development expenses shall not exceed Two Thousand and 00/100 (\$2,000.00) in the aggregate.

All reimbursable expenses are included in the maximum compensation amount reflected above.

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 option.

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 full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because *the contract scope is not further divisible*.

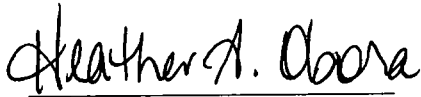
LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Specialized Services: \$441,964.
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.

Approved for Consideration:



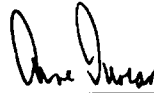
**Heather A. Obora
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Chief Financial Officer**

Approved:



**Arne Duncan
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