

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
PACIFIC INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation 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 \$65,492.40. 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 agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 03-250300

CONSULTANT: Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE)
1229 East Franklin Street 2nd floor
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514
Contact: Dr. Chris Ringwalt
919-967-8998 x13
Vendor#: 37730

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-PR39) in the amount of \$65,492.40 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 100 at-risk freshmen in six high schools: Austin, Crane, Kelvyn Park, Marshall, Steinmetz, and Latino Youth for a total of 600 students. PIRE will conduct a comprehensive project evaluation focusing on process and outcomes utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods. PIRE will continue to work with Youth Guidance and Northeastern Illinois University to gather the required data. PIRE will continue to evaluate the Avenues for Success program, which is based on Project Success, a family service delivery model.

DELIVERABLES: During the option period, PIRE will collect pre and post data on attendance, grades and disciplinary acts in the school. Informed parent consents will be on file; confidentiality of student information will be maintained. PIRE will complete and submit to the Board's designee a complete project evaluation based on process and outcomes for Year 1 four weeks prior to the end of the grant term. All deliverables are subject to the approval and acceptance by the Board's designee. PIRE will submit bi-monthly progress reports to the Board's designee.

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

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid monthly upon invoicing not to exceed the sum of \$65,492 during the first option period.

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 option. Authorize the Chief Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this 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 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: \$65,492.40.
Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0965-239-546-8984-5410
Source of Funds: Misc. Federal/State
Requisition Number: pending

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

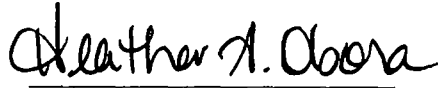
Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel 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:



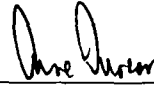
Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:



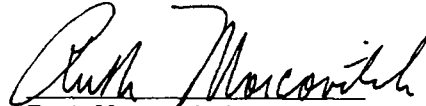
John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel