

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
(ALTERNATE MODES OF STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with various companies to provide Alternate Mode Vehicle Student Transportation Services to the Department of Operations for students enrolled in various Chicago Public School programs (Special Education and Non-Special Education Programs) at a cost not to exceed \$6,610,884. Vendors were selected pursuant to Bid Solicitation #03-250245. A written agreement for each Vendor's services is available for signature. No payment shall be made to any Vendor prior to the execution of such Vendor's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Vendor in the event a written agreement for such Vendor is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report.

Specifications No.: 03-250245

Contract Administrator: Doris Williams 553-2257

VENDORS:	All-Ways Medical Carriers	Chicago Medi-car Transit	United Dispatch
	3605 Woodhead Dr., Ste 101	2015 N. Kolmar Ave.	2900 Irving Park Rd.
	Northbrook, IL 60062	Chicago, IL 60639	Chicago, IL 60618
	847/480-1101	773/772-1400	847/368-8915
	Mr. Michael Grach	Mr. Bharat Lilwani	Mr. Dave Gauer

USER: Department of Operations/Bureau of Student Transportation
125 South Clark Street, 16th Floor
Contact Person: Woody Fitzmaurice 553-3245

ROUTE AWARDS:

(Individual route prices based on type of service and category of vehicle are on file in the Purchasing Department.)

	North & South	North	North	South	South
Vehicle Type and Vendor	Total Route Awards	Daily Weighted Price Per Route	Service Area Route Awards	Daily Weighted Price Per Route	Service Area Route Awards
Vehicle Category I - Minivans					
All-Ways Medical Carriers	35	\$258.61	20	\$258.61	15
Chicago Medi-car Transit	10	\$208.23	5	\$258.01	5
Vehicle Category II - Taxicabs					
United Dispatch	40	\$288.76	35	\$288.76	5
Total	85		60		25

TERM: The agreements shall be for a thirty-one month term commencing February 1, 2004 and ending August 31, 2006. These agreements provide for 2 options to renew for periods of 1 year each by mutual agreement of the parties. Renewal prices are specified in the original contract.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board has the option, in its sole discretion, to terminate any Vendor's agreement with sixty (60) days written notice, for any or no reason.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Vendors shall provide Alternate Mode vehicle student transportation service to and from school and other related activities, to eligible students participating in various programs as per program guidelines. Alternate Mode vehicles are either minivans with seating capacity of not more than ten (10) or taxicabs. All drivers will have an up to date Illinois School Bus Driver Permit. Service will be provided during the regular and summer school terms. Alternate Mode vehicles are primarily utilized to facilitate small numbers of students (one to three) for whom transportation service is required by Corey H, Special Education and Homeless program requirements.

COMPENSATION: Vendors shall be paid monthly in accordance with prices indicated in the contract, upon invoicing. Compensation to all Vendors shall not exceed \$1,440,912 during year 1, \$2,555,284 during year 2 and \$2,614,688 during year 3.

It is estimated that 85 routes, using two types of vehicles, will be awarded pursuant to these agreements. The number of routes actually required to provide services to students will vary, as student needs change. Because the number of routes required is estimated, the total cost of the agreement is also estimated. The annual and contract term cost estimates are based upon the combined regular school year and summer school calendars established by the Board and the year-round calendars adopted by the various Non-Public facilities served. The Chicago Public Schools reserves the right, during the agreement period, to order the services of more or fewer routes than originally awarded through this agreement as the needs of students and/or programs change. The Board is only obligated for costs of routes actually operated.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements.

AWARD CONTINGENCY: All agreements awarded hereunder are conditional upon the following: (i) a satisfactory site visit conducted by the Department of Operations on or before January 1, 2004, and (ii) submission of an acceptable performance bond by each Vendor. For these agreements only, the Board hereby suspends the provisions of Board Rule 5-6 that allow alternative methods of compliance with the performance bond requirement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis. The M/WBE participation goals for this contract include: 50% total MBE, 32% total African American, 12% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Bureau of Student Transportation: \$6,610,884

Fiscal Year	Budget Classification	Amount
FY04	0945- fund various-project- various-program various-5510 (Bus Services)	\$1,029,223
FY05	0945- fund various-project- various-program various-5510 (Bus Services)	\$2,541,092
FY06	0945- fund various-project- various-program various-5510 (Bus Services)	\$2,604,788
FY07	0945- fund various-project- various-program various-5510 (Bus Services)	\$ 435,781

The State of Illinois provides reimbursement for student transportation costs to the Chicago Public Schools through a Block Grant procedure. Student Transportation and several other programs are partially funded by the State through the same Block Grant. Specific funding levels for each program included in the Block Grant are not identified. The funding amount for the Block Grant is pre-determined by the State. State funds must be appropriated for this purpose.

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.

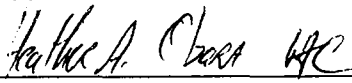
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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.

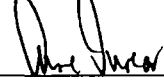
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



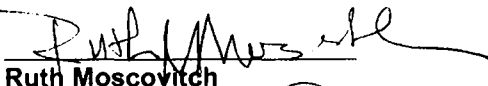
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel

