

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAST SERVICES, INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Bast Services to provide consulting services to the Office of Technology Services ("OTS") at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its unique interactive NASA resource student activity simulations. A written agreement 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

SPECIFICATION No.: 04-250004

CONSULTANT: Bast Services, Inc.
1448 Old Skokie Road, Suite 2B
Highland Park, Illinois 60035
Contact Person: Sandra Figueroa Bast
Telephone No.: (847) 831-3508
Vendor No.: 31306

USER: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact: Robert W. Runcie, Chief Information Officer
Sharnell Jackson, Chief eLearning Officer
Telephone No. 773-553-1300

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on March 1, 2004 and shall end June 30, 2004. This agreement shall have three (3) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will:

- Provide education coordinators who will visit schools in Areas 2, 3 and 5 on a periodic basis to offer support and guidance to CPS educators accessing the Space Explorers programs via the Internet
- Provide access to online support and a toll-free number for telephone support
- Provide Internet access to the following modules of the Space Explorers Program:
 1. K-3 Space
 2. Moonlike (Gr. 4-12)
 3. Marslink (Gr. 4-12)
 4. Orbital Laboratory (Gr. 4-12)
- Allow students who attend any CPS school in Areas 2, 3 or 5 access to these programs from anywhere they have Internet access
- Prepare an end of the year report including an evaluation of the impact on enhancing teaching and student learning
- Provide additional resources and support on an individual basis throughout the program to 450 teacher twice per month

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide the following:

- Internet access for all 11,000 students in Areas 2, 3 and 5 schools to the Space Explorers Program
- Training and support for 30 to 200 teacher per month in all schools in Areas 2, 3 and 5 accessing the Space Explorers Program

- Bi-monthly-to-monthly on-site visits to all participating teachers, monthly newsletter, telephone and on-line support, closing ceremonies, guest speaker's presentations and Space Day activities
- Maintain a log of schools visited and including teacher signatures and school name with the date and time

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in enhanced student proficiency in reading, mathematics, and science, and the use of technology while simultaneously preparing students for future study and careers in Space Science.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid an initial fee of \$50,000.00 at the start of the services. Thereafter, consultant shall be paid on a monthly basis; total compensation shall not exceed \$200,000.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Information 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 partial 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.

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

Total MBE 100%

Total 100% Hispanic:

Bast Services	\$200,000.00
1448 Old Skokie Road, Suite 2B	Certified through 4/30/04
Highland Park, Illinois 60035	

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Technology Services: \$200,000.00 FY 04
Budget Classification: 0220-239-842-1112-5410 (\$200,000.00 from NCLB-Competitive Grant)
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Education through Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

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.

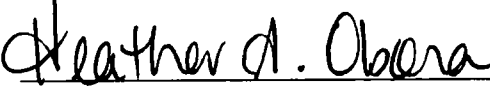
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

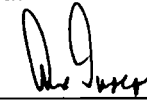
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



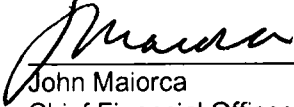
Heather A. Obara
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:





Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel