

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY ADAPTED EQUIPMENT,
MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreements with the seventeen vendors identified below for the purchase of specialized adapted equipment, maintenance and training services required for use by the Office of Specialized Services, at an aggregate cost not to exceed \$1,327,600. These contracts are subject to the Board's Strategic Sourcing Policy. A written renewal agreement with each vendor is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any vendor during the renewal period prior to the execution of such vendor's written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each vendor in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed by such vendor within 90 days of the date of this amended Board Report. Information pertinent to these renewal agreements is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 00-250657

**Contract Administrator: Jacqueline Daly
(773) 553-2274**

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE

- VENDORS:**
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| <p>1. AbleNet, Inc. 1081 Tenth Ave. S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55414-1312 Contact: Ms. Patricia Wright 800/ 322-0956 Vendor No. 46635</p> | <p>2. Advanced Multimedia Devices, Inc. 200 Frank Road Hicksville, NY 11801 Contact: Mr. Sam Tang 516/ 822-0808 Vendor No. 31044</p> |
| <p>3. AlphaSmart, Inc. 20400 Stevens Creek Blvd. #300 Cupertino, CA 95014 Contact: Ms. Melanie Oddou 408/ 252-9400 Vendor No. 14341</p> | <p>4. Attainment Company, Inc. P.O. Box 930160, 504 Commerce Pkwy. Verona, WI 53593-0160 Contact: Brent Denu 800/ 327-4269 Vendor No. 18842</p> |
| <p>5. Don Johnston Incorporated 26799 W. Commerce Volo, IL 60073 Contact: Margaret Kiszonas 847/ 740-0749 Vendor No. 42654</p> | <p>6. Humanware, Inc. 175 Mason Circle Concord, CA 94520 Contact: Dominic Gagliano 800/ 722-3393 Vendor No. 45608</p> |
| <p>7. IntelliTools Inc. 1720 Corporate Dr. Petaluma, CA 94954 Contact: Ann Olsen 707/ 773-2000 Vendor No. 39690</p> | <p>8. Kaplan Companies Inc. P.O. Box 609 1310 Lewisville-Clemmons Road Lewisville, NC 27023-0609 Contact: Brenda Roberts 800/334-2014 Vendor No. 44622</p> |
| <p>9. Mayer-Johnson, Inc. 6650 Flanders Drive, Suite F San Diego, CA 92121 Contact: Nancy Clermont 858/550-0084 Vendor No. 19839</p> | <p>10. Nationwide Medical Equipment 1034 Sterling Ave. Flossmoor, IL 60422 Contact: Marcene P. Brown 708/957-0815 Vendor No. 31401</p> |

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| <p>11. Saltillo Corporation 2143 Township Rd. #112 Millersburg, OH 44654 Contact: Leona Hershberger 800/382-8622 Vendor No. 31751</p> | <p>12. SoftTouch, Inc. 4300 Stine Rd. Suite 401 Bakersfield, CA 93313 Contact: Duane Meyer 661/396-8676 Vendor No. 27413</p> |
| <p>13. Technology for Education, Inc. 1870 50th Street E Suite 7 Invergrove Hts., MN 55077-1270 Contact: Jim Rogers 651/457-1917 Vendor No. 31037</p> | <p>14. Woodlake Technologies, Inc. 650 W. Lake St., Ste. 320 Chicago, IL 60661 Contact: Ralph Samek 312/655-9200 Vendor No. 12875</p> |
| <p>15. Dynavox Systems, LLC 2100 Wharton St., Suite 400 Pittsburgh, PA 15203 Contact: Susanne Peroni 800/344-1778, 4246 Vendor No. 17922</p> | <p>16. Exceptional Computing 450 NW 58th St. Gainesville, FL 32607 Contact: Robert H. McPherson 356/331-8847 Vendor No. 48333</p> |
| <p>17. Hach Associates, Inc. 411 West 4th Street Winston-Salem, NC 27101 Contact: Ginny Norton 800/624-7968 Vendor No. 11979</p> | |

USER: Office of Specialized Services
Contact Person: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell
Chief Specialized Services Officer – 773-553-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS: The original agreements (authorized by Board Report 01-0221-PR30) were for a term commencing with the date of execution and ending 24 months thereafter, with the Board having 2 options to renew for 12-month periods. The original agreements were awarded pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposals (Specification No. 00-250657). The agreements were renewed for a term, ending April 1, 2004 (authorized by Board Report 03-0122-PR36). Originally, 20 vendors were awarded contracts for these services; however, the agreements with Augmentative Communication Consultants, Prentke Romich Company, and TLC Multimedia, Inc. were not renewed during the first option because the Office of Specialized Services either no longer used the products and services offered by these companies or acquired the products from another source.

OPTION PERIOD: Each agreement shall be renewed for a term commencing April 2, 2004 and ending April 1, 2005.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Vendors will continue to provide the services and equipment identified in the original agreement. The Office of Specialized Services may purchase services and equipment at its option via requisition to Procurement and Contracts which will mail a purchase order to the Vendor. Purchases over \$10,000.00 to any one vendor under this Board Report must be approved by the Chief Specialized Services Officer.

DELIVERABLES: Vendors will continue to provide Assistive Technology Equipment, Maintenance and Training services to Specialized Services Staff.

PRICES: Vendors will provide the services and equipment at the prices indicated in the written renewal agreements.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreements.

Authorize the Chief Purchasing Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

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: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to:
0966-060-000-2738-5730 - \$1,100,000
0966-220-481-2738-5310 - \$ 50,000
0966-220-481-2738-5320 - \$ 87,600
0966-220-481-2760-5730 - \$ 60,000
0966-220-481-2738-5470 - \$ 30,000

Fiscal Years: 2004 and 2005

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.

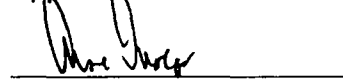
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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 J. MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


RUTH M. MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel