

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH DEPAUL CENTER FOR  
URBAN EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES  
(FARREN FINE ARTS ACADEMY)**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with DePaul Center for Urban Education and Assessment to provide consulting services to Farren Fine Arts Academy at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the quality of its services as evidenced by its research, and because the "Connections" Program is aligned with the State Goals and promotes standard-based instruction. A written agreement for Consultant's services 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 document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

**Specification NO.: 04-250000**

**CONSULTANT:** DePaul Center for Urban Education  
990 W. Fullerton Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60614  
1-312-362-5155  
Contact Person: Barbara Radner  
Vendor Number: 37159

**USER:** Farren Fine Arts Academy  
5055 S. State Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
Dr. Jacqueline BuFord-Gage  
773-535-1440

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2003 and shall end June 30, 2004.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant shall implement school-wide spiral curriculum correlated with Illinois Learning Goals and Standards and Chicago Reading Initiative, emphasizing reading and writing across the curriculum and consistent instructional standards and assessment. Through ongoing staff development and peer coaching by teacher coaches and correlated administrative and teacher analysis of student work, the teaching staff will increase student achievement as measured by the ISAT and ITBS. The program will support the Chicago Reading Initiative implementation and the Chicago Board of Education's Education Plan.

In-school workshops and classroom coaching and demonstrations by DePaul Center for Urban Education shall provide ongoing on-site applied professional development that incorporates peer coaching and school leadership development that is ongoing and reinforced during the school year.

DePaul shall provide teachers with copies of teacher resource guides to support integrated reading, writing, and vocabulary development. They also will receive instructional guides at each workshop. Grade level/cycles will identify priorities for increasing student learning and then will develop grade-level strategies to accomplish those goals and assessments to determine the outcomes and identify areas for increased progress. Several teachers will take the role of "Connector," supporting grade level and inter-grade enhancements through peer coaching, demonstrations, idea exchange, and leadership support.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant shall provide the following:

1. Minimum of 60 days of staff development
2. On-line curriculum linked to resources that develop the competencies correlated with the Chicago Reading Initiative
3. Course for Assessment Coordinator with correlated in-school application
4. Coordination of Connectors, including monitoring of on-line reporting
5. Assistance in planning school improvement
6. Connector workshops at DePaul or a Museum
7. CPDU recertification credit unit option for all workshops
8. Administrator forum once each semester
9. Ordering and orientation to teacher resources including computers or digital cameras for teachers
10. Minimum of five On-site workshops with subsequent evaluation reports
11. Ongoing reports on activities including on-line access to coaching reports
12. Semester evaluations of teacher priorities

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services shall result in an increase of student achievement in core curriculum as measured by ISAT and ITBS.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: \$25,000.00 upon execution of the written agreement and \$25,000 upon completion of services; total not to exceed \$50,000.00

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** There are no reimbursable expenses.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize The Chief Executive Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contact Participation (M/WBE), this contract is exempt from review because the vendor is a university.

**LSC REVIEW:** This action was approved by the LSC for Farren Fine Arts Academy on July 1, 2003.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Farren Fine Arts Academy: \$50,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2003-2004  
Budget Classification: 3300-234-703-6224-5410 \$19,993 Source of Funds: State Funding  
Requisition Number: Waiting for approval  
  
Budget Classification: 3300-242-813-8274-5410 \$30,007 Source of Funds: NCLB Funding  
Requisition Number: Waiting for approval

**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).

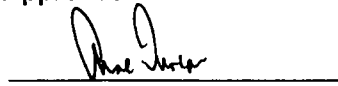
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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