

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to provide consulting services to the Department of the Chief Education Officer at a cost not to exceed \$43,778.00. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its extensive experience and expertise in its reading program and its demonstrated success in providing related services to CPS in the past. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No: 04-250034

CONSULTANT: University of Illinois at Chicago
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Chicago, Illinois 60612
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Vendor No. 32571
Contact Person: Alex Swenson

USER: Office of The Chief Education Officer
125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact Person: Beatriz Rendon
Phone: (773) 553-2193

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on January 5, 2004, and shall end June 30, 2004.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: UIC shall assign a consultant (Connie Bridge) to oversee and coordinate the Chicago Reading Initiative Program (the "Program"). Services shall include developing and planning the literacy curriculum, conducting and coordinating professional development services, creating various targeted initiatives to improve literacy, and providing continuing evaluations of the Program.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall prepare and deliver curriculum materials for the various Program initiatives and shall prepare and deliver specific evaluations of the CPS reading specialists and the Saturday Academies Initiative.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in an increase in the number of students reading at or above grade level.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: a sum not to exceed \$43,778.00, due in one lump sum payment upon the completion of the services.

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 Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is exempt from the requirements of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the vendor is a university.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Reading \$43,778 Source of Funds: Title II
Budget Classification: 0320-239-821-2435-5410

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.

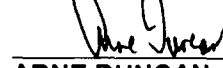
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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


RUTH MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel