

**RATIFY THE EXERCISING OF THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH J. ALEXANDER HUNT INCORPORATED FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the exercising of the first option to renew the agreement with J. Alexander Hunt Incorporated to provide legislative consulting services to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at a cost not to exceed \$22,916.00. This Board Report is required because total payment to this Consultant in a one-year period will exceed those limits imposed by Board Rules. A written renewal agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during the renewal period prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal agreement is stated below.

SPECIFICATION: #03-250044

CONSULTANT: J. ALEXANDER HUNT INCORPORATED

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Yorkville, IL 60562
(630) 553-2962
Contact: Jay Keller
Vendor #: 34243

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125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Marie Joelle Isidore
(773) 553-1473

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 03-0225-PR18) in the amount of \$55,000.00 is for a term commencing February 1, 2003 and ending January 31, 2004, with the Board having two options to renew for periods of one year.

RENEWAL TERM: This agreement is being renewed for a term commencing February 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2004.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The consultant will continue to serve as a state lobbyist for the Chicago Public Schools on the CPS' state legislative agenda, as well as on administrative and regulatory issues in state agencies and departments. In addition, the consultant will serve on federal matters when so designated by the Board or Chief Executive Officer.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall continue to provide periodic reports of the status of legislation during the period when the General Assembly is in session. Consultant shall also keep the administration and the Board apprised of any and all matters of concern to the Chicago Public Schools before the General Assembly.

OUTCOMES: Consultant will assist in the development of a legislative agenda; cause the introduction of legislation to fulfill CPS financial and programmatic requirements; secure sponsors for bills introduced on behalf of CPS; and lobby the legislature on behalf of CPS.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid \$4,583 per month; total compensation not to exceed \$22,916.00.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The vendor for this contract is an independent consultant (100% non minority).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of the Chief of Staff: \$22,916.00
Budget Classification: 0110-210-000-7870-5410--\$22,916.00 FY: 2004
Source of Funds: General Fund

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.

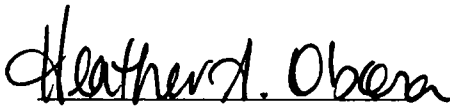
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:

Approved:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel