

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO TO  
PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE GRADES MATHEMATICS AND  
SCIENCE TEACHERS**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to provide graduate level coursework for an alternative certification program for middle grades mathematics and science teachers at a cost not to exceed \$542,500.00. UIC was selected on a non-competitive basis due to the unique nature of its course offerings and previous experience with the Board for a similar program. Specifically, UIC is the only alternative certification partner that offers a certification program for individuals to teach middle grades math and science. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to UIC 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**Specification No:** 04-250027

**VENDOR:** University of Illinois at Chicago  
UIC College of Education  
1040 West Harrison M/C 147  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Contact: Alex Swenson  
312-996-0741  
Vendor # 32571

**USER:** Chicago Public Schools  
Department of Human Resources  
First Class Alternative Certification Program  
125 South Clark Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact: Toni Hill  
773-553-1137

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence May 1, 2004 and shall end on August 31, 2005.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** 60 days notice by either party.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** UIC will offer approximately nine graduate level courses to a maximum of 35 CPS teacher-interns in order to fulfill the requirements for an Initial Elementary Teaching Certificate with an endorsement in either middle grades math or middle grades science. Teacher-interns will be required to complete all program coursework and other certification requirements within a fifteen-month period. The teacher-interns will be selected by both CPS and UIC from a pool of local and national candidates. Holding a Provisional Alternative Teaching Certificate, teacher-interns provide classroom instruction in a CPS school approved by the First Class Program while working to complete the requirements for their Initial Teaching Certificate.

**DELIVERABLES:** UIC will offer a core curriculum restricted to program participants and participants affiliated with the program (i.e. mentors) consisting of nine graduate courses for a total of 37 semester hours.

**OUTCOMES:** A maximum of 35 CPS teacher-interns will fulfill course requirements to receive an Illinois Elementary Initial Teaching Certificate with an endorsement in middle grades math or middle grades science. In turn, the teacher-interns will fill critical CPS teacher shortages in the areas of math and science.

**COMPENSATION:** UIC will be compensated on a per teacher-intern basis at the rate of \$15,500.00 per teacher-intern at a total cost not to exceed \$542,500.00. Each teacher-intern will be required to reimburse the Board, through payroll deduction, a total of \$7,000.00 for a total of \$245,000.00. The Board will require any teacher-intern who fails to fulfill the requirements of the Program to repay the Board for the tuition payments made by the Board on such teacher-intern's behalf.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** None.

**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 Human Resources 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 the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition payment.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Department of Human Resources: \$542,500.00  
Fiscal Year: 2005  
Budget Classification: 0710-239-821-1575-5560

**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).

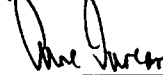
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

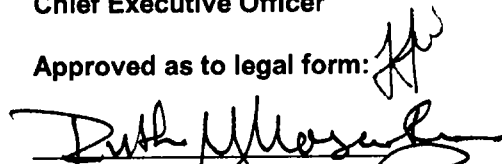
**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Ruth M. Moscovitch  
General Counsel