

RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH DEPAUL CENTER FOR URBAN EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with DePaul Center for Urban Education and Assessment to provide consulting services to Talman Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$33,500. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of the quality of its program as seen through research and because the DePaul "Connections" Program is aligned with the State Goals and promotes standard-based instruction and the Chicago Reading Initiative. 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 agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250041

CONSULTANT: DePaul Center for Urban Education and Assessment
School for New Learning
25 E. Jackson Blvd., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60604
Dr. Barbara Radner
773-325-7170
Vendor Number: 37159

USER: Talman Elementary School
5450 S. Talman Ave., Chicago
Antonio Acevedo
773-535-7850

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

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: None.

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.

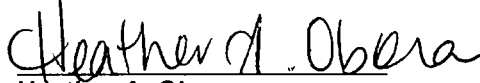
Consultant shall provide in-school workshops and classroom coaching, demonstrations and ongoing on-site applied professional development that incorporates peer coaching and school leadership development that is ongoing and reinforced during the school year.

Teachers will receive copies of teacher resource guide 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.

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.

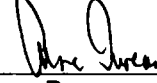
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obara
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



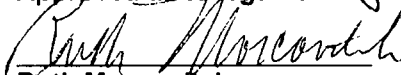
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel