

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AHA! INTERACTIVE
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with AHA! Interactive to provide modifications to the ePD (electronic Professional Development) management system and provide application support for use of the system by the Office Technology Services, eLearning at a cost not to exceed \$110,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis due to its qualifications, expertise and abilities to provide appropriate services specified in various grant applications, and original designers and programmers of the ePD system. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be rendered and 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250061

CONSULTANT: AHA! Interactive
53 W. Jackson, Suite 203
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Contact: Robert Schnieders
Telephone No.: (312) 922-9680
Vendor Number: 35086

USER: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact: Robert W. Runcie, Chief Information Officer
Sharnell Jackson, Chief eLearning Officer
Telephone No.: (773) 553-6260

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30, 2005.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: Either party may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will complete the initial release of the ePD web-based system that will allow Chicago Public Schools' administration, professional development providers, principals and teachers to manage, coordinate, and report on professional development activities, including but not limited to, courses, seminars, workshops, in class coaching/mentoring and follow up instruction, thereby enhancing the productivity and effectiveness of its programs in developing teachers and enhancing student performance. The services will cover one year of application maintenance and support and the following modifications to the existing application: Improved registration process; support for users with multiple roles; automated emails notification; Lane credit issuance reporting; improved program eligibility control; and interaction management export to excel.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services, will deliver status reports regarding the project status, and will deliver the completed application to eLearning.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in eLearning being able to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of professional development programs by automating, scheduling, reporting and compliance activities. Consultant's services will make it easier for Chicago Public Schools to produce progress and compliance reports for NCLB legislation's Highly- qualified Educator requirement.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid upon invoicing and verification, with total compensation not to exceed \$110,000.00.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include 35% total MBE, 10% Hispanic; 25% Asian; and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a partial waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

The vendor has, however, identified and scheduled the following original M/WBE firms/consultants and percentages:

Total 35% MBE:

Total 10% Hispanic:

Computer Services & Consulting, Inc.
1613 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60616

\$11,000.00 / 10%
Certification Expires: 10/1/04

Total 25% Asian:

Jordan Ho

\$27,500 / 25%

Total 5% WBE:

Ruth Schmidt
2503 Eastwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

\$5,500.00 / 5%

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the eLearning Office Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0220-239-842-1112-5410 \$90,000.00
0220-239-895-1112-5410 \$20,000.00

Source of Funds: Illinois State Board of Education.

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.

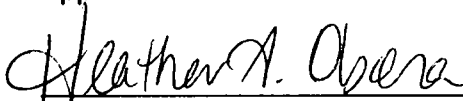
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their 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.

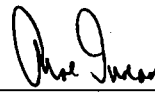
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:




Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John J. Maiorca
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel