

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
(National Teachers Academy)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Illinois at Chicago ("UIC") to provide professional services to the Chief Education Office at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 to support the National Teachers Academy ("NTA") in its mission to provide a quality education to students in grades Pre K through 8, provide professional preparation and development for aspiring, novice and seasoned teachers and school administrators, and provide useful documentation and analysis of these practices and their results. UIC was selected through an extensive review of its educational program and interviews with UIC leaders and staff. A written agreement for UIC's services is currently being negotiated. No service shall be provided by UIC and 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.

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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30, 2005, with the Board having the option to renew the agreement for 4 successive one-year periods, at a cost to be negotiated at the time of each renewal.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago is recognized as one of the nation's top schools of education and known for its school leadership development programs. UIC will offer extensive support to NTA to promote high quality instruction, strengthen the school's professional development work and share findings with CPS and others.

SCHOOL FACILITY: The National Teachers Academy opened in 2002 with the goal of supporting the professional growth of master teachers, practicing CPS teachers, pre-service and alternatively certified teachers both inside and outside the Academy. The school, located at 55 West Cermak Road, serves students in grades Pre K through 8.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF UIC:

- Ensure the development and implementation of effective educational practices in grades Pre K through 8;
- Provide innovative approaches to assessing students, teachers, administrators and programs;
- Provide collaborative school leadership and governance;
- Implement teacher preparation and leadership development programs;
- Implement administrator preparation and development program;
- Provide comprehensive support to children, families and the community;
- Execute and evaluate the implementation of NTA's mission;
- Provide access to the Early Outreach Program for grades 4 through 8 and other UIC programs.

OUTCOMES: UIC's services shall result in a high-performing elementary school with improved ITBS Reading and Math scores, improved ISAT scores, improved student attendance rates, and low mobility rates, as defined in the agreement. Additionally, UIC's services shall result in high quality teacher preparation and development programs that serves as a model for other schools as well as serving a significant number of CPS teachers, as defined in the agreement.

COMPENSATION: The Board shall pay UIC a sum not to exceed \$500,000.00 which shall be used by UIC to fund a full-time Director, special assistant, educational specialist, data systems developer and professional preparation coordinator and to support all other activities described in the agreement.

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: Not applicable.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Chief Education Office: \$500,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 6480-253-132-7862-5410 Source of Funds: Title II

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.

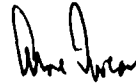
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel