

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSORTIUM ON CHICAGO SCHOOL
RESEARCH FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the Consortium on Chicago School Research to provide consulting services to the Chief Education Office at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its past experience in surveying Chicago Public Schools stakeholders, both students and teachers, regarding school organization, instructional quality, perceptions of the school environment, and academic achievement. 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250165

CONSULTANT: Consortium on Chicago School Research
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
(773) 702-3364
Contact Person: Dr. John Q. Easton
Vendor #30280

USER: Chief Education Office
125 S. Clark Street – 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact Person: Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins
(773) 553-1490

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on October 1, 2004 and shall end September 30, 2005. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one year each at a cost to be negotiated at the time of renewal.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will conduct surveys of approximately 28,000 teachers, 180,000 students and 600 principals in April 2005. This is the Consultant's ninth systemwide survey and will include questions about school organization, human resources, literacy instruction, social support for student learning, and parent and community resources.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will create and print systemwide and individual school reports of the survey results.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in confidential, individualized school reports for participating schools that (1) describe schools in terms of 33 different measures of school development; (2) show how schools compare to demographically similar schools and schools systemwide and (3) present trends that illustrate how schools have improved over time

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid in three (3) equal payments of \$40,000 each as follows upon the submission of appropriate invoices: the first payment upon the execution of the written agreement, second payment on December 1, 2004, and third and final payment on March 1, 2005. Total sum not to exceed \$120,000.

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 Education 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 Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract are exempt from review because the vendor is a university.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-wide Education Support Services: \$120,000 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-7090-5410 \$60,000
Budget Classification: 0950-210-149-7090-5410 \$60,000
Source of Funds: 210, Education 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.

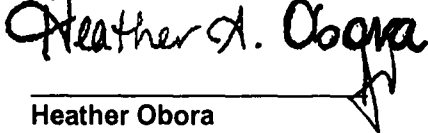
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

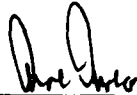
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:




Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel