

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD
ORGANIZATION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with United Neighborhood Organization (UNO) to provide consulting services to the Deputy Chief Education Office at a cost not to exceed \$230,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its extensive experience in grass-roots outreach and advocacy campaigns and implementing community-based programs. 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 document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT:

United Neighborhood Organization
954 West Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60603
Juan Rangel
(312) 432-6301
Vendor #24075

USER:

Deputy Chief Education Office
125 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60603
Armando M. Almendarez
(773) 553-1933

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on November 1, 2004 and shall end October 31, 2005.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement for any or no reason by providing Consultant with 30 days notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The United Neighborhood Organization will 1) implement the Leer Para Lograr (Read to Achieve), which focuses on reading development consistent with CPS' Core Literacy Strategy in the Chicago Public Schools and 2) provide a comprehensive leadership training program to Chicago Public Schools families and community members. The Leer Para Lograr will be implemented at 24 schools, with an emphasis on schools with predominantly Hispanic student populations. This literacy initiative will concentrate on supporting and enhancing a child's reading development, making reading a priority among Chicago Public School families. UNO will host family reading events and workshops to identify, recruit and sign family contracts that commit parents to spend quality time with their children on a daily basis reading together and discussing educational topics and homework assignments. UNO will also conduct parent workshops which focus on how to teach reading at home, remedial educational issues and family communication, among other topics. Family outings that invite participating families to some of Chicago's finest educational and cultural institutions will also be provided. The comprehensive leadership training and literacy development program will be made accessible to the approximately 280 local school Bilingual Advisory Committees (BACs). Parents at participating schools will be trained on Chicago Public School policies, with a focus on the CPS Bilingual Program, as well as topics including: how to run an effective meeting, coalition building and maintaining networks. Overall, training topics will relate to salient educational issues affecting their children, including meeting adequate yearly progress, literacy development in the bilingual classroom, and the role parental involvement plays in improving their child's education.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide family 'reading events', a minimum of seven workshops, family outings and materials that focus on reading and educational activities in twenty-four (24) participating Chicago public schools. Consultant will provide 36 leadership training and literacy development workshops, a minimum of four (4) in each of the six (6) Area Clusters, citywide. Consultant will provide two (2) Saturday conferences for parents on literacy development and, in particular, target the elementary schools with ELLs on the State's Choice List.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in increased quality communication between parents and children with improved reading performance and increased parent involvement in reading issues related to their children. Consultant's services will also result in a comprehensive parent training program that increases parent participation in their child's school as well as increasing the participation and effectiveness of local school BACs.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid in four (4) installments of \$57,500. The first installment shall be payable upon execution of the agreement, the second and third installments will be payable upon invoice and the final installment shall be due on October 31, 2005 for a total not to exceed \$230,000.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and condition in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The participation goal provisions of the plan do not apply to transactions where the vendor is a not- for profit organization.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge \$180,000 to City-wide Education Support Services
Budget classification: 0950-210-000-7090-5410
Source of funds: FY 2005, Education Fund, 210

Charge \$50,000 to Office of Language and Cultural Education
Budget classification: 0460-256-260-7947-5410
(0950-256-034-7782-5990)
Source of funds: FY 2005, Federal Title III, Fund, 256

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General -- Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCC 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 105 ILCS 5/43-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board 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 (95-0927-RU3), 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 and made 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:



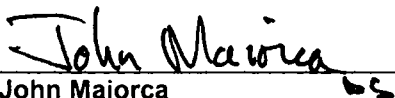
Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



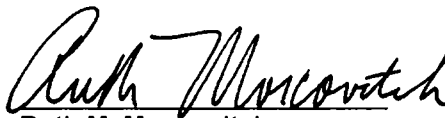
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel