

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FOR A FIRST CLASS SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINEES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) for a First Class Special Education Program (formerly known as FACE) for Special Education Teacher Trainees at a cost not to exceed \$237,500.00. Northeastern Illinois was selected on account of its unique program design, low cost and previous positive experiences working with the university. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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TERM: The term of these tuition payments is from May 1, 2005 to September 1, 2007.

PROGRAM: NEIU shall offer courses leading to a Master of Arts Degree in Special Education with entitlement for the Learning and Behavior Specialist I endorsement to 25 Special Education Teacher Trainees working in Chicago Public Schools. NEIU shall offer a core curriculum restricted to Special Education Teacher Trainees that consists of courses of two to four credit hours, for a total of 45 credit hours. The courses shall be offered from the Summer 2005 term through the Summer 2007 term.

PARTICIPANTS: All Special Education Teacher Trainees shall have passed the Illinois State Board of Education Basic Skills Test before being accepted into the First Class Special Education Program. Participants shall reimburse the Board for approximately 80% of the Program tuition costs through payroll deduction. Participants shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$7,500.00 through payroll deduction over the course of the program for a total reimbursement of \$187,500.00. Each Participant shall sign an agreement that commits him/her to work in CPS special education position for a period of not less than three years after completing the Program and obtaining their certification, if such positions are offered to them. Participants who fail to fulfill these requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the Program. The repayment amount will be established by a *pro rata* formula developed by the Board's Alternative Certification Program Manager.

OUTCOMES: Twenty-five Special Education Teacher Trainees shall earn their Master of Arts degrees in Special Education with entitlement for the Learning and Behavior Specialist I endorsement.

COMPENSATION: From May 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, tuition payments to NEIU shall not exceed \$13,971.00. It is anticipated that tuition payments from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 shall not exceed \$111,768.00 and tuition payments for the remainder of the contract term shall not exceed \$111,761.00. Total compensation not to exceed \$237,500.00.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this matter is exempt from review because it is for tuition payment.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Human Resources: \$237,500.00
\$ 13,971.00 Fiscal Year: FY2005
\$111,768.00 Fiscal Year: FY2006
\$111,761.00 Fiscal Year: FY2007

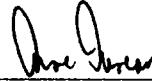
Budget Classification: 0710-253-132-1575-5560

Approved for Consideration:



Barbara Eason-Watkins, Ed.D.
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Approved:




Arne Duncan
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Within Appropriation:


John Malorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form 


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