

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH OFFICE DEPOT FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Office Depot for the purchase of Office Supplies by all area instructional offices, central office departments, and schools, at a cost not to exceed \$25,146,800. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis in accordance with Board Rule 5-4.1 pursuant to a duly advertised Bid Solicitation (Specification No. 05-250001). This contract is subject to the Board's Strategic Sourcing Policy. A written agreement for this purchase is available for signature. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor 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 #: 05-250001

VENDOR: Office Depot
515 Kehoe Avenue
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188
800- 613-4624
Robert Peluso, Account Manager
Vendor No. 14360

USER: All schools, areas, and central office departments
C/o Department of Procurement and Contracts 125 S. Clark, 10th floor
Contact Person: David Blackwell, Commodity Manager – 773-553-2268

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on July 27, 2005 and shall end 24 months thereafter. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of 24 months each at the prices specified in the agreement.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE: Vendor will provide office and associated supplies to schools, area instructional offices, and central office departments at prices specified in the agreement.

OUTCOMES: This purchase will result in the availability of office and associated supplies for instructional and administrative use.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices and discount percentages contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$12,573,400 per year.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include 26% total MBE, 5% WBE.

The vendor has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE 40%

Total African American – 40%

American Products Distributors \$4,384,000 or 40%
7000 S. South Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60628

StyleMaster TBD
2850 W. Columbus Ave
Chicago, IL 60652

Total WBE – 5%

Pointe Writing Co. \$453,000 or 4.1%
880 Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173

B & L Distributors \$97,000 or .9%
7808 College Drive
Palos Heights, IL 60463

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to various schools and departments.
Fiscal Years 2006-2007.
Budget Classification: 5730- Equipment, 5320- Supplies, 5731-Furniture, 5310 –Instructional
Supplies
Source of Funds: various

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.

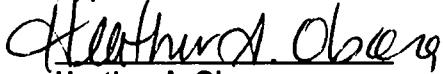
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

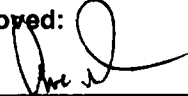
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

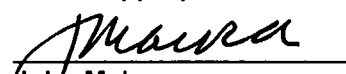
Approved for Consideration:


Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

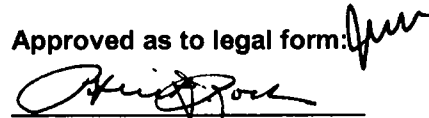
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel