

**RATIFY EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT
WITH BRIDGES.COM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify exercising the option to renew the agreement with Bridges.Com for Choices Planner to be used by the Office of High School Programs, the Department of Postsecondary Education, and Education To Careers at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$85,500.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to the Software Licensor during the option period prior to the execution of the written document. 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 option is stated below.

SOFTWARE LICENSOR:

Bridges.Com
33637 B Hwy. 97 N
Oroville, WA 98844
800-281-1168
Diane Grantham, President
Vendor #: 22470

USER:

Office of High School Programs
Department Education To Careers
Department of Postsecondary Education
125 South Clark Street, 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Jill Wine-Banks, Officer
773-553-2460
Greg Darnieder, Director
773-553-2108

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report # 04-0623-PR30) in the amount of \$95,000.00 is for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, with the Board having three option(s) to renew for 1 year term(s). The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because this software program meets the required specifications to offer postsecondary occupation and planning resource services that guides students to develop an electronic portfolio to plan their education and career path.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. No services were provided by licensor from July 1, 2005 through August 24, 2005 and no payment was made to licensor for any services provided during such period.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are 2 option period(s) for 1 year each remaining.

USE OF SOFTWARE: Software will continue to assist all CPS 7th through 12th grade students in exploring educational and career opportunities. The software includes an electronic portfolio component so each student will be able to develop an individualized career and education plan. The software will allow CPS to collect data from the student activities with the software to report such things as what careers students are interested in, what colleges they are researching and what items they have completed in their portfolio.

DELIVERABLES: The software licensor will provide all 7th and 8th grade students access to Choices Explorer and continue to provide access to Choices Planner for all students in grades 9 through 12. Student accountability data will be provided in the format requested by the Board. Bridges will provide 10 days of staff development training in FY'06.

OUTCOMES: Every 7th through 12th grade CPS student will be provided with the tools to develop an individualized career and education plan that will guide them in their decision-making regarding their postsecondary plans.

LICENSE FEE: Software Licensor shall be paid during this option period as follows: one lump sum not to exceed the sum of \$85,500.00. The maintenance fee for the option period is included in the license fee.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Officer of Education To Careers to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for the contract include 35% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL:	Charge to Department of Education To Careers	\$38,475.00	Fiscal Year: 2005-2006
	Budget Classification: 0410-269-055-2875-5311 (0950-269-055-2875-5940)		Source of Funds: Grant
	Charge to Postsecondary Education	\$38,475.00	Fiscal Year: 2005-2006
	Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-1720-5311		Source of Funds: Local

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.

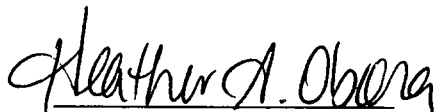
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

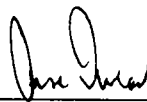
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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. Obara
Chief Purchasing Officer

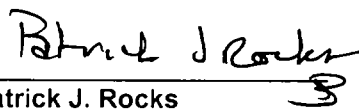
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel