

RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH HARCOURT ASSESSMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEST MATERIALS AND RELATED SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with Harcourt Assessment, Inc. for the purchase of test materials and related services at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis based on their previous history of working with the Chicago Public Schools and their ability to deliver a formative classroom assessment system. A written agreement for this Vendor is currently being negotiated. 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 document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

VENDOR: Harcourt Assessment, Inc.
19500 Bulverde Road
San Antonio, TX 78259
Contact: Sheryl Campbell
Telephone No. (773) 928-6181
Vendor # 16730

USER: Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability
125 South Clark Street, 11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Daniel Bugler (773) 553-2324

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on September 1, 2005 and shall end June 30, 2006.

OPTIONS TO RENEW: This agreement shall have three options to renew for periods of one year each subject to Board approval. The cost of the option period will be negotiated at the time of such renewal.

DELIVERABLES: Vendor shall deliver their Stanford Learning First Formative Classroom Assessment System in reading (ClassVIEWS) test materials for grades 3, 6 and 8. Delivery includes test books, answer sheets, custom reporting services, Pre-ID labels, and Pregridding. Vendor will provide at no additional cost district profile summary reports for both tests and presentation packets. Area instructional officers will receive area specific district profile summary reports and PDF versions of school profile summary reports. Vendor will also provide psychometric services including development of a third form of the test and equating and prediction studies.

OUTCOMES: The Stanford Learning First System, which is aligned to the standards measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, will provide teachers and administrators with insights and tools to rapidly evaluate and guide classroom instruction over the course of a school year. The summative assessment component will provide benchmarks of student achievement so that administrators and teachers can target students who need intervention and additional resources.

COMPENSATION: Vendor will be paid as detailed in the Vendor's agreement, total compensation not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 15% total MBE, 9% total African American, 4% Hispanic, 2% Asian and 5% total WBE.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Research, Evaluation & Accountability: \$1,500,000.00
Budget Classification: 0012-210-000-1028-5310 Fiscal Year: 2006

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 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.

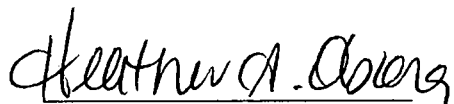
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Within Appropriation:



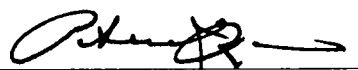
John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel