

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH SUCCESS FOR ALL FOUNDATION
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with Success for All Foundation to provide consulting services to the National Teachers Academy/Professional Development School at a cost not to exceed \$185,000.00. These services were obtained without prior Board Approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its unique qualifications to provide a comprehensive literacy program for the elementary grades. 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 hereon 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.

CONSULTANT: Success for All Foundation
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Baltimore, MD 21204-5200
Contact: Sean Christian
Telephone: 800 548-4998
Vendor # 11693

USER: National Teachers Academy/Professional Development School
55 West Cermak
Chicago, IL 60616
Contact: M. Saungktakhu Richey, Principal
Telephone: 773 553-9980

TERM: The Term of this agreement shall commence on August 24, 2005 and end June 30, 2006. This agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of one year each subject to Board approval. The renewal cost will not exceed \$185,000.00 for any renewal term.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days written notice for any or no reason.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Success for All Program is a comprehensive approach to restructuring elementary schools to ensure the success of every child. The program emphasizes prevention and early intervention to anticipate and solve any learning problems.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will provide professional development and curriculum materials for the schoolwide implementation of Success for All reading curriculum for approximately 700 grade K-8 students at National Teachers Academy.

At the heart of the program is 90 minutes of uninterrupted daily reading instruction. Students are grouped across classes and grades by reading level, giving most teachers the opportunity to work intensively with students at one reading level. Assessments are administered every eight weeks to ensure adequate progress is being made and to determine if tutoring or family support services are needed. Cooperative learning, embedded throughout the program, focuses on individual accountability, common goals, and recognition of group success.

Facilitator

A full-time literacy facilitator, a certified teacher who helps faculty and staff implement the program, provides teachers with counsel, support, and information through classroom visits, coaching, and frequent meetings. The facilitator organizes and monitors data from eight-week assessments and acts as liaison between teachers, administrators, tutors, family support staff, and parents to ensure that each child becomes a successful reader.

Professional Development

Professional Development consists of five consecutive days of training for all teachers before the program begins, monthly implementation site visits to build a strong implementation, the development of the Solutions Team and Tutoring Programs. Success for All trainers are available for telephone consultation during the year. The facilitator follows up on initial training with classroom visits, coaching, team meetings and sets literacy targets via its NTA Achievement Plan.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide professional development and materials for implementation of Success for All comprehensive literacy curriculum, instruction and assessment for early learning, primary, intermediate and middle school students, solutions team and integrated services, including monthly site visits and follow-up training.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in significantly improved student reading performance. Students will have significantly higher average reading scores as a result of implementing the program according to baseline assessment of students on the Scholastic Reading Inventory and/or the SFA Roots Initial Assessment. The services will reduce the need for special education placements and help eliminate retention.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid monthly upon receipt of deliverables as will be specifically identified in the contract; total compensation not to exceed the sum of \$185,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the consultant is a not-for-profit.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to National Teachers Academy: \$185,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2005-06
Budget Classification: 6480-253-859-7862-5410 Source of Funds: Title II

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each part 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 the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

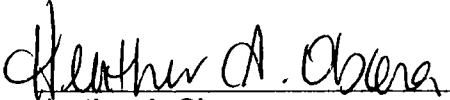
Conflicts - This agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their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

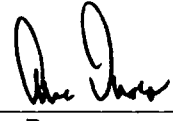
Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

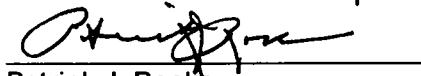
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form. 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel