

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY
FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE TEACH FOR AMERICA AND THE ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF ILLINOIS
ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Dominican University for graduate level coursework for participants in the Teach For America (TFA) and Associated Colleges of Illinois (ACI) Alternative Certification Programs at a cost not to exceed \$284,250.00. Dominican University was selected by TFA and ACI because Dominican University is an approved Illinois State Board of Education Alternative Certification Program provider. Also, Dominican University is a university member among ACI partners. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for university courses scheduled September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dominican University shall offer graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Alternative Certificate to a maximum of 75 elementary and secondary teachers working in Chicago Public Schools. Dominican University shall offer a core curriculum consisting of eight graduate courses.

PARTICIPANTS: All participants will have passed the Illinois State Board of Education Basic Skills Test and the appropriate content exam as required by university admissions. Participants will reimburse the Board for 100% of the program tuition costs through payroll deductions.

Teach For America participants shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$2,050.00 through payroll deductions over the course of the program for a cohort reimbursement of \$123,000.00. Each participant from this program shall sign an application or agreement that commits him/her to work in a relevant CPS teaching position for a period of not less than two years based on the organization's national model.

Associated Colleges of Illinois participants shall reimburse the Board in the amount of \$10,750.00 through payroll deductions over the course of the program for a cohort reimbursement of \$161,250.00. Each participant from this program shall sign an application or agreement that commits him/her to work in a relevant CPS teaching position for a period of not less than three years after completing the program and obtaining their certification.

The combined tuition amount to Dominican University shall not exceed \$284,250.00. Participants who fail to fulfill their respective requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under their respective program.

OUTCOMES: A maximum of seventy-five (75) participants will earn their Illinois Initial Alternative Certification and teach in Chicago Public Schools.

COMPENSATION: The University will be compensated up to \$2,050.00 per Teach for America participant, up to a maximum of \$123,000.00. The University will be compensated up to \$10,750.00 per Associated Colleges of Illinois participant, up to a maximum of \$161,250.00. The combined amount shall not exceed \$284,250.00

AUTHORIZATION: The Chief Human Resources Officer is authorized to direct payments to be made to the University as necessary.

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: \$284, 250.00 FY 2007
Budget Classification: 0913-253-859-1575-5560

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 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:

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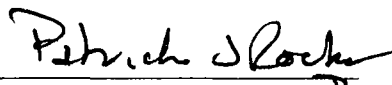

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Within Appropriation:

 **Approved as to legal form:**


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