

October 25, 2006

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON,
WISCONSIN CENTER FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Center for Education Research to provide consulting services to create a Value-Added Assessment System ["Program"] for Chicago Public Schools at a cost not to exceed \$687,501.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to a joint evaluation by CPS, The Joyce Foundation, The Spencer Foundation, and Chicago Community Trust as to the Consultant's ability to implement a nationally recognized, scientifically research-based elementary school reform model and based on its previous history of working with the Milwaukee Public School System. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to Consultant during the time prior to the execution of the Consultant's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

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School of Education
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Vendor Number: 17097

USER: Office of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability
125 South Clark Street, 11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Alan Anderson, (773) 553-2331

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on November 1, 2006 and shall end October 31, 2009. This agreement shall have three options to renew for periods of one year each subject to Board approval.

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: This 3 year program will provide comprehensive research with the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to develop value-added measures of school and classroom/teacher performance, implement strategies for evaluating the effectiveness of educational policies and instructional practices, conduct research and provide professional development to support data-informed decision-making at the school and district levels, and provide technical guidance to the district to build a data warehouse to support the research and data-informed decision-making tasks presented.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall:

- Review old CPS ITBS data and correlate with 2006 ISAT data
- Conduct surveys of policies and instructional practices
- Develop a robust value-added statistical model for CPS
- Develop and Implement data warehouse / data dictionary specifications
- Create statistical software to produce district/school/class value-added indicators

- Communicate progress regularly to CPS Office of Research, Evaluation & Accountability (REA)
- Support CPS and its schools utilization of data and research findings

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide the following:

- A correlated ITBS to ISAT data model with acceptable error
- A concise list of value added variables/factors which attribute to school / teacher gains
- A real-time data analysis warehouse integrated into our CPS technology services systems
- Consistent status updates on the progress of the Program and any changes in scope/cost/timing
- A student level data file with value-added gain measures
- A fact sheet which describes what value-added is and can provide to CPS

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the Board having a better understanding of the patterns of improvement in reading and mathematics gains by grade and by school. Consultant's services will allow the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability to independently continue to estimate value-added indicators for the ISAT Reading and Mathematics tests. Over time, the value-added indicators will provide supplemental information for judging school and grade-within-school progress as required under the No Child Left Behind Act.

COMPENSATION: Consultant will be paid as detailed in the agreement; total compensation not to exceed \$687,501.

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 of the Office of Elementary Areas and Schools to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The participation goal provisions of the Plan do not apply to transactions where the vendor is a not-for-profit organization.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Research, Evaluation & Accountability: \$100,032 Fiscal Year: 2007
\$140,618 Fiscal Year: 2008
\$446,851 Fiscal Year: 2009

Budget Classification: 11290-115-54125-223012-000000 \$100,032 Source of Funds:
General Education

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.

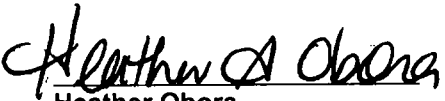
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

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

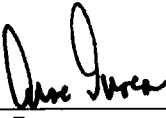
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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 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