

January 24, 2007

AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION OF THE PRE-QUALIFIED POOL OF APPRAISERS TO ACT AS EXPERT WITNESSES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPERTY TAX APPEAL CASES

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize Law Department, Chief Purchasing Officer and Office of Business Diversity to retain the pre-qualified pool of appraisers listed on Exhibit A to act as expert witnesses in property tax appeals pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the Cook County Board of Review. To the extent practicable, the Law Department will share the costs the Board incurs in retaining these experts with the City of Chicago's Law Department.

DESCRIPTION: The General Counsel has determined that retaining these appraisers is in the Board's best interests.

LSC REVIEW: Local school council approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Appraisers on Exhibit A which are WBE/MBE are indicated.

FINANCIAL: Charge \$75,000.00 to Fiscal Year 2007.....0014-210-000-1011-5410

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None

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, is hereby 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, is hereby 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,



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