

AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION, ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to various Universities and Colleges for course work leading to Illinois Type 04 (Early Childhood) certification, alternative 04 certification, Director's Credentials, Coaching and Mentoring Credentials, and Infant Toddler Specialist Credentials at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000. The University and College pool was selected because they all have approved Illinois State Board of Education certification, alternative certification, or credentialing programs. All have past experience with the Chicago Board of Education. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this program is stated below.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES: **See Attached**

USER: Office of Early Childhood Education
125 South Clark Street, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Barbara T. Bowman
773-553-1976

PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition payments are authorized for university/college courses scheduled from May 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Graduate level courses leading to an Illinois Initial Type 04 Certificate, an Alternative Type 04 Certificate, Child Care Director's Credentials, Early Childhood Coaching and Mentoring Credentials, and Infant Toddler Credentials will be provided by the universities and colleges listed. Increased funding provided through the Preschool for All program, the Early Childhood Block Grant of the Illinois State Board of Education, requires that grant recipients establish programs to enable child care staff to obtain the required early childhood certificates and credentials.

PARTICIPANTS: Participants in the program must be current employees of child care agencies participating in the Community Partnership Program funded through Preschool For All of the Illinois State Board of Education. Each participant must have prior approval of their agency director and must meet all entry criteria of the specific college/university. Applicants must complete application/enrollment documents according to the individual college/university requirements.

OUTCOMES: This program will result in an increased number of credentialed and state certified staff working in child care programs funded by the Community Partnership Program of the Chicago Public Schools. Approximately 30 - 50 teachers, each year, will complete the certification program and teach in child care classrooms of the Community Partnership Program. Additionally 20-25 participants, each year, will obtain Director's Credentials and Infant Toddler Specialist Certificates which will enhance the quality of child care programs participating in the Community Partnership Program.

COMPENSATION: Total tuition payments to the universities and colleges during the payment period shall not exceed \$2,500,000.

AUTHORIZATION: The Deputy Chief Early Childhood Education Officer is authorized to direct payments to be made to the universities and colleges as necessary. Authorize the Deputy Chief Early Childhood Education Officer to execute any ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 5.2.3 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: Office of Early Childhood Education: \$2,500,000
Fiscal Year: 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009
Budget Classification: 0952-210-364-7933-5560
Source of Funds: Early Childhood Block Grant – Illinois State Board of 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:


Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer 

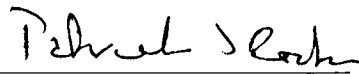

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel 

<u>University/Office</u>	<u>Address, City, State, Zip</u>	<u>Contact, Phone</u>	<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Program</u>
Roosevelt University College of Education	430 South Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60605	Thomas Phillion (312) 341-3798	26375	Type 04 (Early Childhood)
University of Illinois at Chicago Office of Continuing Education (M/C 165)	1333 South Halsted St., Suite 225 Chicago, IL 60607	Catherine Main (312) 996-8025 (312) 355-2471	32571	Alternative Type 04
National Louis University/McCormick Tribune Center for Early Childhood Leadership	6310 Capitol Drive Wheeling, IL 60090	Debra Trude-Suter (847) 947-5056	48030	Director's Credentials Coaching/Mentor Credentials
National Louis University College of Education	6311 Capitol Drive Wheeling, IL 60090	Katherine Sheridan	48030	Alternative Type 04
Chicago State University College of Education	9501 S. King Drive Chicago, IL 60628	Dr. Catherine Busch (773) 995-2390	28386	Type 04 (Early Childhood)
Erikson Institute	420 N. Wabash Chicago, IL 60611	Sharon Syc (312) 893-7187	73654	N/A
Chicago Consortium of Colleges and Universities	6800 S. Wentworth Ave. Rm. 4W58/60 Chicago, IL 60621	Ramona Choos	34823	Basic Skills
Illinois State University	5330 Curriculum and Instruction Normal, IL 61790	Nancy Latham	34823	Type 04 (Early Childhood)