

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH STRATEGIC LEARNING INITIATIVES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the option to renew the agreement with Strategic Learning Initiatives to provide consulting services to select Chicago Public Schools at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$1,250,000.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during the option period prior to the execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

CONSULTANT:	<u>Partnership School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Partnership School</u>	<u>Area</u>
Strategic Learning Initiatives ("SLI")	Cardenas	10	Beidler	10
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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 06-0628-ED3, as amended by Board Reports 06-0823-ED2 and 07-0523-ED3) in the total amount of \$1,080,000.00 and amended to \$1,103,015.00, is for a term commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, with the Board having 3 options to renew for 1 year terms. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis based on Consultant's qualifications, expertise, and abilities to provide appropriate services.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are 2 remaining option periods, each for a period of 1 year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: SLI shall continue to implement a unique restructuring plan designed to provide appropriate strategies for each school. SLI will provide its Focused Instruction Program to approximately 400 teachers from eighteen schools designated for restructuring. SLI will provide professional development for school leadership teams using its Eight Step instruction process and the related strategies for continuous improvement. Each leadership team will consist of the school principal and nine teachers. All necessary training materials will be provided by SLI. In addition, SLI will provide a parent engagement component for approximately 40 parents. Site visits to demonstration school/districts also will be provided for approximately 24 people.

DELIVERABLES: SLI's deliverables include continuing to provide the following:

- Focused Instruction Process Program to ten restructuring schools
- Scaling Up Best Practices Program to eight schools in need of improvement
- Three days training in planning and development
- Professional development workshops, coaching-modeling lesson design

- Individualized coaching and support services for principals
- Progress reports, assessments, meetings and documentation
- Forty days training for parents
- A mid year and final evaluation report
- Site visits to demonstration schools with model programs
- All necessary materials and supplies
- SIPAAA and budget planning coordination for participating schools
- Summer planning with administrators and school teams for subsequent school years

OUTCOMES: SLI's services will 1) increase student achievement, 2) meet NCLB/State/CPS accountability requirements, 3) improve school leadership, including school organization and fiscal management, 4) establish a student-centered learning climate, 5) provide effective professional development activities, and 6) promote parent community partnerships.

COMPENSATION: During the option period, SLI shall be paid as periodic invoices are submitted and verified, with the total amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option agreement. Authorize Chief Officer of Instructional Design and Assessment to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), contract goal provisions do not apply to those companies who are Not-for-Profit organizations. Strategic Learning Initiatives, a Not-for-Profit organization, is exempt from M/WBE review.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Instructional Design and Assessment: \$1,250,000.00 FY: 2007-2008
Budget Classification: TBD

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 member 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:



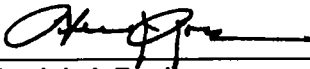
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel