

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FINAL OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH BRIDGES TRANSITIONS CO. (F/K/A BRIDGES.COM)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the final option to renew the agreement with Bridges Transitions Co. (f/k/a Bridges.com) for Choices Planner to be used by the Office of High Schools and High School Programs Departments of Postsecondary Education and Student Development and Education To Careers at a cost for the final option period not to exceed \$95,500.00. A written agreement exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Software Licensor during the final option period prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

SOFTWARE LICENSOR:

Bridges Transitions Co. (f/k/a Bridges.com)
33637 B Hwy. 97 N
Oroville, WA 98844
800-281-1168
Diane Grantham, President
Vendor #: 13740

USER:

Office of High Schools and High School Programs
Department Education To Careers
Department of Postsecondary Education and Student Development
125 South Clark Street, 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Jill Wine-Banks, Officer
773-553-2460
Greg Darnieder, Director
773-553-2108

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report # 04-0623-PR30) in the amount of \$95,000.00 was for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, with the Board having three option(s) to renew for periods of 1 year at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00 annually. The first option to renew (authorized by Board Report #05-0824-PR13), in the amount of \$85,500.00, was exercised for the term commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The second option to renew (authorized by Board Report # 06-0628-PR32), in the amount of \$85,500.00, was exercised for the term commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because this software program meets the required specifications to offer postsecondary, occupational, and career planning resource services that guide students to develop electronic portfolios to plan their education and career paths.

FINAL OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement shall be extended for the period commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no remaining option periods.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Software Licensor will continue to assist all CPS 7th through 12th grade students in exploring educational and career opportunities. The software includes an electronic portfolio component in order that each student will be able to develop an individualized career and education plan. The software will allow CPS to collect data from the student activities with the software to report such matters as what careers students are interested in, what colleges they are researching, and what items they have completed in their portfolios.

DELIVERABLES: The Software Licensor will provide all 7th and 8th grade students' access to Choices Explorer and continue to provide access for all students in grades 9 through 12 to Choices Planner. Student accountability data will be provided in the format requested by the Board. Software Licensor will provide ten (10) days of staff development training to the Board in FY'08.

OUTCOMES: Every 7th through 12th grade CPS student will be provided with the tools to develop an individualized career and education plan that will guide them in their decision-making regarding their postsecondary plans.

COMPENSATION: Software Licensor shall be paid during the final option period as follows: a license fee of \$85,500.00 payable in one lump sum. The maintenance fee for the final option period is included in the license fee. In addition, Software Licensor shall be paid the rates specified in the option agreement for additional staff training sessions as may be requested by the Board, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Total compensation payable during the final option period shall not exceed \$95,500.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the option agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option agreement. Authorize the Officer of Education To Careers to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for the contract include 35% total MBE and 5% total WBE. However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL:	Charge to Department of Education To Careers \$47,750.00	Fiscal Year: 2007-2008
	Budget Classification: 0915-269-114-2875-5311 (0915-269-114-2875-5990)	Source of Funds: Grant
	Charge to Department of Postsecondary Education \$47,750.00	Fiscal Year: 2007-2008
	Budget Classification: 0915-210-000-1720-5311	Source of Funds: Local

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.

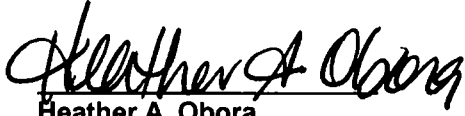
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



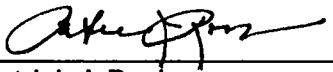
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel