

**APPROVE EXERCISING AND COMBINING THE FIRST AND SECOND OPTIONS TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH ACT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEST MATERIALS AND RELATED SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising and combining the first and second options to renew the agreement with ACT, Inc. for the purchase of test materials and related services for the Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability at a cost for the combined option period not to exceed \$2,745,550.00 in the aggregate. A written document exercising these options is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Provider during the renewal period prior to the execution of the written renewal document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal document is stated below.

**VENDOR:** ACT, Inc.  
2201 North Dodge Street  
Iowa City, IA 52243  
Telephone No. (847) 634-2560  
Contact: Jim Morris  
Vendor # 46875

**USER:** Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability  
125 South Clark Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Daniel Bugler, (773) 553-2324

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report (06-0628-PR39) in the amount of \$1,213,950.00 is for a term commencing September 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 with the Board having three options to renew, each for a one year period. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis based on Provider's ability to deliver an educational planning and assessment system.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The parties wish to combine the first two options to renew and execute a renewal document that extends the term of this agreement for an additional two years commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2009.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There is one (1) option period for one year remaining.

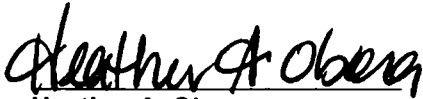
**DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:**

- **Goods:** Educational and Assessment System consisting of Provider's PLAN and EXPLORE test materials for grades 8, 9, 10, and 11.
- **Quantity:** as indicated in the renewal document
- **Unit Price:** as indicated in the renewal document

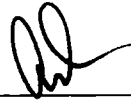
**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:** Services to be provided by ACT during this renewal term include the following: (i) Program Management; (ii) Test Production; Distribution, Retrieval, Scanning and Scoring; (iii) Test Booklet and Pre-ID Student Label Production and Manufacturing; (iv) Pre-gridding; (v) Professional Development; (vi) Production and Distribution of Manuals; (vii) Custom Reporting Services; (viii) Consulting Services; and (ix) Administrative Activities.



**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

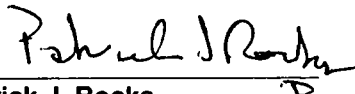
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form: § 14**

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel