

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEACHING STRATEGIES
FOR THE PURCHASE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Teaching Strategies for the purchase of an electronic portfolio system for the collection of early childhood assessment and planning data to be used for early childhood programs at a cost not to exceed \$334,500. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor 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 agreement is stated below.

VENDOR: Teaching Strategies
5151 Wisconsin Avenue, NW #300
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 362-7543
Robin F. Wilkins
VN# 90907

USER: Office of Early Childhood Education
125 South Clark Street, 9th Floor
Barbara T. Bowman / Paula A. Cottone
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 24 months thereafter. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of two (2) years each. The cost for the renewal periods shall be determined by the number of children enrolled. The cost per child shall not increase during the contract two (2) year period.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE:

Services: Electronic Portfolio System (\$307,500)
Implementation Fee (\$9,000)
Modifications for Reporting and Access to Children and Youth Services entered children (\$18,000)
Quantity: Portfolios for 30,000 Children ages 0-5
Unit Price: \$10.25
Total Cost Not to Exceed: \$334,500

OUTCOMES: This purchase will allow preschool teachers to build and store electronic portfolios for each child that includes observation notes, assessment information, and digital examples of the child's work. CreativeCurriculum.net is the country's leading integrated online assessment, program planning, and reporting system. The system allows for the integration of curriculum, assessment and communication with parents and administrators. Teachers will use the planning tools to create integrated lesson plans and group children by developmental level for instruction. They may then select from hundreds of activities designed to meet the strengths and needs of individual children. The system will also enable teachers to prepare and produce reports for families, other teachers and administrators to show children's progress on the selected goals and objectives of the Creative Curriculum for Preschool, the Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, Early Learning Standards, and Head Start Outcomes.

COMPENSATION: Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit prices contained in the agreement; not to exceed the sum of \$334,500.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize Barbara Bowman, Chief Officer of the Office of Early Childhood Education, to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: N/A

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Early Childhood Education: \$334,500
Budget Classification: 11385-115-54105-111085-376619
Source of Funds: ECBG – Early Childhood Block Grant (State of Illinois)
Fiscal Year: 2008 & 2009

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 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.

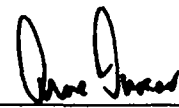
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

Approved:




Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer



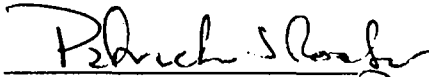
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

Approved as to legal form 



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel