

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE EARLY READING FIRST PROJECT**

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

Approve payment to Northwestern University who provided consulting services to the Office of Early Childhood Education for the Early Reading First Project from August 1, 2006 to August 1, 2007 in the amount of \$31, 250. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was not selected on a competitive basis but was named in the approved federal Early Reading First proposal.

**CONSULTANT:** Northwestern University  
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Evanston, IL 60208  
(847) 491-3066  
Doris Johnson  
Vendor # 49090

**USER:** Office of Early Childhood Education  
125 South Clark Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
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(773) 553-2018

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Northwestern University professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Doris Johnson, supervised a team of graduate students who administered standardized language and early literacy tests to children in both the treatment and control schools of the Early Reading First Project. Approximately 200 children in the treatment and 100 children in the control schools were assessed. Northwestern University administered, scored, and recorded test data for use by the implementation and evaluation teams.

**DELIVERABLES:** Children in the treatment and control groups were assessed.  
Tests were scored.  
Scores were recorded for use by team members.

**OUTCOMES:** Required child data was provided to both the implementation and the evaluation teams as part of the Early Reading First project. Data aided in determining if the children in the treatment groups are progressing at a faster rate than the children in the control groups which are not receiving the treatment.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid the sum of \$31,250.

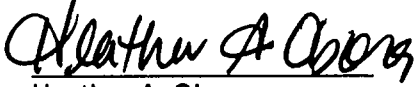
**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** N/A

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Early Childhood Education: \$31,250  
Budget Classification: 11385-324-54125-227924-500683  
Source of Funds: Early Reading First Grant - 500683

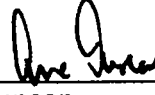
Fiscal Year: 2008

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



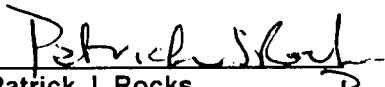
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form. 



Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel