

**DEBARMENT OF J. STEVEN EVERETT, LEARNTEC & ASSOCIATES, INC., AND LEARNTEC, INC.****THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") fully and permanently debar J. Steven Everett, Learntec & Associates, Inc., and Learntec, Inc. from doing any business with the Board.

On February 23, 2009, the Board's Chief Purchasing Officer filed and served a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice"), initiating a debarment proceeding against J. Steven Everett ("Everett"), Learntec & Associates, Inc. ("LA"), and Learntec, Inc. ("LI") which asserted, among other things, that Everett, LA and/or LI used their names and vendor numbers to submit quotes, obtain purchase orders, and submit invoices for the sale of biddable items to the Board outside the bidding process. The Notice also alleged that Everett, LA and/or LI allowed John Papiese ("Papiese"), and/or Advanced Learning Systems ("ALS") to use Everett's, LA's and/or LI's name and vendor number to submit quotes and invoices for transactions in which Papiese and/or ALS was the actual seller of goods and/or services to the Board. The Notice also alleged that LA maintained and used a vendor number for LA after LA was legally dissolved as a company and failed to report LA's dissolution to the Board or its Purchasing Department. Everett, LA and LI received their copies of the Notice on February 27, 2009. The conduct of Everett, LA and LI was so egregious that the Notice sought to fully and permanently debar Everett, LA and LI.

Section 4.5(d) of the Debarment Policy requires a vendor to submit a written, verified Answer to a Notice of Debarment within 28 days after receipt of the Notice, and provides that if a vendor fails to timely file an Answer, all the allegations set forth in the Notice "shall be deemed to be admitted." Section 5.2 of the Debarment Policy states that "[w]hen a vendor fails to timely submit an Answer . . . the [Chief Administrative Officer] may recommend the Board debar the vendor on the basis of such admissions." As of April 28, 2009—60 days after the Notice of Debarment was served on Everett, LA and LI—Everett, LA and LI have failed to file an Answer to the Notice, and have failed to seek an extension of time to do so.

Based on their admissions of the matters alleged in the Notice of Proposed Debarment, the Chief Administrative Officer recommends that the Board fully and permanently debar Everett, LA and LI from doing any business with the Board.

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


**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** None.


**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** None.

APPROVED:  
  
 HILL HAMMOCK  
 Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

  
 PATRICK J. ROCKS  
 General Counsel *WRM*

WITHIN APPROPRIATION:

  
 PEDRO MARTÍNEZ  
 Chief Financial Officer