

**DEPARTMENT OF SHONTA LAMAR ARRINGTON  
AND SHONTA SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, LTD.**

**THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") fully and permanently debar Shonta Lamar Arrington ("Arrington") and Shonta School Support Services, Ltd. ("SSSS") from doing any business with the Board.

Notice of Proposed Debarment was served on Arrington and SSSS on June 27, 2008, and an Amended Notice of Proposed Debarment was served on Arrington and SSSS on November 5, 2008, pursuant to the Board's Debarment Policy and Board Rules. The Amended Notice asserted, among other things, that Arrington and SSSS submitted false invoices that represented work that neither Arrington nor SSSS performed; represented work that was being performed by Arrington at more than one school at a time; and represented work that was performed for more than one customer at the same time. The Amended Notice also alleged that Arrington performed work under another vendor's vendor number after her vendor number for SSSS had been suspended during the Office of Inspector General's investigation. The Office of the Inspector General's investigative findings stated that Arrington and SSSS engaged in conduct that indicated a lack of business integrity.

Section 4.5(d) of the Debarment Policy requires a vendor to submit a written, verified Answer to a Notice of Debarment. Arrington submitted her timely Answer on November 13, 2008. On December 11, 2008, the Chief Purchasing Officer filed her Reply, which stated that according to Arrington and SSSS' Answer and a subsequent interview between the Office of Inspector General and Arrington, Arrington failed to assert a single valid response and instead, admitted almost every allegation of wrongdoing.

The Chief Purchasing Officer, Opal Walls, has recommended that Arrington and SSSS should be permanently debarred from doing business with CPS in accordance with the Board's previous and current Debarment Policy. After reviewing the written submissions in support of and opposition to the Amended Notice of Debarment, the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that the conduct of Arrington was so egregious that Arrington and SSSS should be fully and permanently debarred from doing any business with the Board, effective immediately.

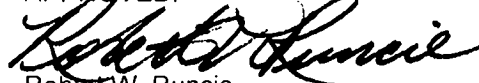
**LSC REVIEW:** LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

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

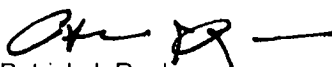
**FINANCIAL:** None.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** None.

APPROVED:

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
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Christina Herzog  
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