

APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLWORKS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with SchoolWorks to provide consulting services to the Office of New Schools at a cost not to exceed \$420,000.00. Consultant was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2 through a duly advertised Request for Proposals (Specification #10-250011). A written agreement for consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by consultant and no payment shall be made to consultant 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.

Specification Number : 10-250011
Contract Administrator : Gilbert Rabin / 773-553-2297

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 80634
SCHOOL WORKS, LLC
100 CUMMINGS CTR. STE 236C
BEVERLY, MA 01915
Ledyard Mcfadden
978-921-1674

USER:

New Schools
125 South Clark Street - 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603

Contact : Jennifer Dai/Elizabeth Heaton
Phone: 773-553-1530

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2010 and shall end June 30, 2012. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew, each for a period of one (1) year.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

During the term of this agreement SchoolWorks will:

- Complete an evaluative review of the 2009-2010 Office of New Schools charter renewal process.
- Provide technical assistance to develop a differentiated charter renewal process based on a school's past academic and operational performance and implement the revocation process.
 - Provide technical assistance to refine the charter renewal application and evaluation process for the 2010-2011 school year based on discussions regarding a differentiated renewal process.
 - Provide training to the Office of New Schools staff on site-visit criteria and best practices.
 - Facilitate site visits for the 2010-2011 charter renewals, with each site visit led by two SchoolWorks staff members.
 - Provide technical assistance in the refinement of a mid-term review, aligning the evaluated principles with the 5-year evaluation to ensure a transparent and comprehensive accountability system.

- Conduct site visits for the 2010-2011 mid-term review, with each visit led by two SchoolWorks staff members.
- Develop and revise site visit protocol for the Office of New Schools selection process for RFP applicants, leading to a more streamlined review process.
- Facilitate visits for the selection cycle between April and September 2010, with each visit led by two SchoolWorks staff members. SchoolWorks will handle all communications with the schools regarding the purpose of the visit, scheduling, and report review and delivery.
- Plan and provide assistance in the analysis of data collected during site visits for RFP applicants.

DELIVERABLES:

During the term of this agreement SchoolWorks will:

- Provide site visit training for the Office of new Schools Staff.
- Provide training tools and materials to help staff implement site visit best practices.
- Submit written reports to the Office of New Schools outlining the findings for each charter school visited during the RFP selection process and 2010-2011 charter renewal process within one month of each site visit.
- Collaborate with the Office of New Schools in developing a differentiated renewal process for high performance charter schools and implementing a revocation procedure into the renewal process.
- Collaborate with the Office of New Schools in refining the protocol and site visit tool for the mid-term review process.
- Refine the new school recruitment and selection criteria for RFP site visits in the form of a revised protocol document.
- Facilitate meetings to analyze potential new and turnaround schools criteria.

OUTCOMES:

SchoolWorks' services will result in:

The completion of the 2010-2011 charter renewal process.

The completion of the 2010-2011 mid-term review process.

Increased alignment of the Office of New Schools accountability structure, from school selection, to mid-term review, to renewal and revocation.

Differentiated charter renewal process established.

Increased accountability of charter and contract school with the addition of a mid-term review.

The completion of the new schools selection processes.

COMPENSATION:

Consultant shall be paid during the term of this agreement upon invoicing, as specified in the contract; total compensation for the term of this agreement not to exceed the sum of \$420,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement.

Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreement. Authorize the Acting Executive Officer of the Office of New Schools to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this written agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

This agreement is in full compliance with the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts. The MBE/WBE goals for this agreement are: 25% for MBE participation and 10% for WBE participation.

The Vendor has scheduled the following:

Total MBE - 25%

Kendra Ferguson (AA)966 Bridge RoadSan Leandro, CA 94577

Muriel Leonard (AA)22 Meadowbank Ave.Boston, MA 02126

Ingrid Carney (AA)114 East 32nd StreetChicago, IL 60616

Total WBE - 10%

Piel Hollingsworth101 Audubon RoadMilton, MA 02186

Susan JambackP.O. Box 1373Grantham, NH 03753

Katherine Grave Maycock556 Tremont Street, #4Boston, MA 02118

Nancy Clair3636 Webster StreetSan Francisco, CA 94123

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

13610-115-54125-264216-000000-Fy11 \$74,250.00

13610-115-54125-262301-000000-Fy11 \$345,750.00

CFDA# : Not Applicable

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.

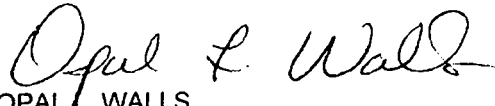
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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:



OPAL L. WALLS
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



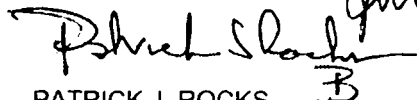
RON HUBERMAN
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



DIANA S. FERGUSON
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel