

**APPROVE THE PRE-QUALIFICATION STATUS OF AND ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VENDORS TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT TOOLS**

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

Approve the pre-qualification status of and entering into agreements with vendors to provide assessment tools at a cost not to exceed \$3.75 million in the aggregate and approve entering into a written master agreement with each vendor. Vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. Written master agreements for vendors are currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by and no payment shall be made to any vendor prior to the execution of their written master agreement. The pre-qualification status approved herein for each vendor shall automatically rescind in the event such vendor fails to execute the Board's master agreement within 120 days of the date of this Board Report.

Specification Number : 10-250028  
Contract Administrator : Nanzi Flores / 773-553-2273

**NAME OF USER GROUPS:**

Office of Performance  
125 S. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

Contact : Eileen Harrity  
Phone: 773-553-1338

**TERM:**

The term of this pre-qualification period and each master agreement is 3 years commencing August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2013. The Board shall have the right to extend the pre-qualification period and each master agreement for 2 additional periods of one (1) year each.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The pre-qualified vendors will provide Chief Area Officers with the options to develop assessment tools to meet their individual Area needs. Vendors will provide:

1. Customized criterion-referenced assessments.
2. Item banks to be used by administrators and teachers to develop student assessments.

Specifically, the vendors will provide:

A. Customized criterion-referenced assessments aligned to standards, learning targets, and pacing guides as requested; to be administered at various intervals (e.g. every five-weeks) throughout the school year; with preference in some CPS Areas for assessments that are available for both English and Spanish speaking students.

B. Item banks aligned to standards, learning targets, and pacing guides as requested, that teachers and administrators can use to develop benchmark and other assessments throughout the school year; with preference in some CPS Areas for items that are available for both English and Spanish speaking students.

No later than 60 days prior to the end of the first year of the master agreements approved in this Board Report, the Chief Executive Officer or his designee shall submit to the Board a report evaluating the performance of the vendors approved herein.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendors shall be paid as set forth in their respective agreements. The sum of payments to all pre-qualified vendors for the pre-qualification term shall not exceed \$3.75 million in the aggregate; the costs associated herewith shall be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis pursuant to Board Rules.

**USE OF POOL:**

Area Offices are authorized to receive goods and services from the pre-qualified pool as follows: mini-bid process.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written master agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the master agreements. Authorize the Chief Performance Officer or designee to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate the master agreements.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a quarterly basis. The M/WBE participation goals for this contract are 10% MBE and 5% WBE.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Charge to Area Offices  
Fiscal Year FY11  
Budget Classification: 54105 - Contractual Services  
Source of Funds: Various

**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.

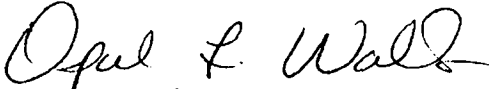
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



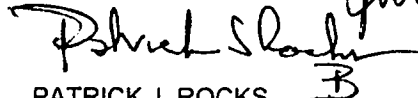
RON HUBERMAN  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



DIANA S. FERGUSON  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



PATRICK J. ROCKS  
General Counsel

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