

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MILLENNIA CONSULTING, L.L.C.
FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Millennia Consulting, L.L.C. (Millennia) to provide program evaluation services to the Office of Student Supports & Engagement/Small Learning Communities (SLC) at a cost not to exceed \$118,000. Evaluator was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. Since 2003 each SLC - CPS high school has engaged Millennia Consulting, L.L.C., as their third party evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education (USDOEd) SLC Initiative. To date, Millennia has worked with 19 CPS high schools implementing or having implemented the USDOEd SLC Project. A written agreement for Millennia's services is being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Evaluator and no payment shall be made to Evaluator 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.

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USER: Office of Student Support & Engagement
Small Learning Communities
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Acting Officer, Paige Ponder
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on date agreement is signed and shall end September 30, 2011. This agreement shall have 2 options to renew for periods of one year each at a cost no greater than the preceding contract amount of \$118,000.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Small Learning Communities (Central Office) will engage Millennia Consulting, L.L.C., as the third party evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education (USDOEd) SLC Initiative. Millennia will track outlined outcome indicators using multiple data sources and collection methods. Specific targets of what success will look like will be determined collaboratively with project leadership, CPS Performance Management Team, and school-based team. In addition to tracking outcomes, Millennia will monitor performance measures, assess progress relative to implementation structural changes and strategies. Specifically, Millennia will conduct mid-year site visits which shall include observations and structured interviews with SLC leadership and school-based teams. Millennia will include questions in the annual focus group protocol that inform this aspect of the evaluation.

DELIVERABLES: Millennia will provide the deliverables set forth in the table below:

1. School meetings	Conduct meetings with teachers, SLC Coaches, and administration at 13 schools currently in their SLC grant periods; Cohorts 6, 7, and 8.
2. Site visits	Conduct mid-year school observations and interviews with all 13 SLC schools.
3. Focus groups	Conduct teacher and student focus groups at all 13 SLC schools. Review focus group findings and plan for the future.
4. Report	Analyze findings and complete qualitative reports for all 13 SLC schools.
	Cohort 6, 7, and 8 -Due June 30th
5. CPS meetings	Conduct semi-annual meetings to discuss status of schools and evaluation activities.
6. Site Coordinator Meetings	In coordination with SLC facilitators, plan and facilitate 2 quarterly best practices/professional development meetings.

OUTCOMES: At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2011, Millennia will compile an annual summative report which includes focus group and interview findings as well as secondary data collected with the assistance of school personnel and SLC project personnel. During the summer, Millennia staff will meet with school leadership to review the preliminary findings, which are formally presented to a larger audience when school starts. The final report will be delivered to CPS SLC project staffs who will then forward on to the USDOEd. Millennia’s work on this project will result in a well-rounded picture of the SLC Initiative which can be used from a range of vantage points (e.g., monitoring implementation, tracking progress towards meeting goals, and facilitating quality improvement activities) and by various target audiences (such as school leadership and teachers, District personnel, and the UDSDOEd).

COMPENSATION: Evaluator shall be paid as specified in the agreement; total not to exceed the sum of \$118,000.

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 agreement. Authorize the Acting Officer of the Office of Student Support and Engagement to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this agreement include 25% MBE and 5% WBE participation. However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends a partial waiver of the MBE goal, as required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

The Vendor has identified the following participation:

Total MBE – 100%

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LSC REVIEW: N/A

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Student Support & Engagement: \$118,000 Fiscal Year: 2011

Budget Classification:

13722-336-54125-221033-543520- \$50,000

13722-336-54125-221033-543518- \$34,000

13722-336-54125-221033-543517- \$34,000

Source of Funds: United States Department of Education Smaller Learning Communities

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.

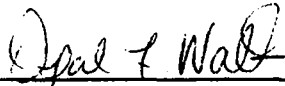
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



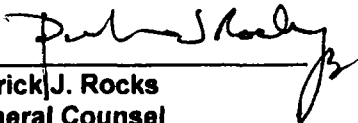
**Terry Mazany
Chief Executive Officer**

Within Appropriation:



**Diana S. Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer**

Approved as to legal form:



**Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel**