

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON,  
WISCONSIN CENTER FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Ratify entering into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER) for consulting services for the Chief Instructional Office at a cost to the Board not to exceed \$328,803. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis: the sole-source request was presented to the Non-Competitive Procurement Review Committee, and was approved by the Chief Purchasing Officer. WCER has received \$100,000 through a grant from the Joyce Foundation which will be used to support this project. Services provided to date have been paid by WCER using Joyce Foundation grant funds; the Board has not incurred any financial obligation during this period. A written agreement is currently being negotiated. No payment by the Board shall be made to vendor 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:** Wisconsin Center for Education Research  
School of Education  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1025 W. Johnson Street, Suite 785  
Madison, Wisconsin 53706  
(608) 263-4200  
Vendor # 17097

**USER:** Chief Instructional Office  
125 S. Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Jennifer Cheatham, Chief Instructional Officer  
(773) 553-1500

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2011 and shall end December 31, 2012. This agreement shall have 2 options to renew for periods of 1 year each.

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** WCER will compute a set of value-added measures for CPS based on student assessment data. This includes the calculation of the school-level ISAT value-added measures in reading and mathematics, which are used in CPS accountability, including the School Performance, Remediation and Probation Policy. In addition, WCER will compute other measures as listed below in the Deliverables section; create reports, give presentations, and provide technical documentation to improve CPS understanding of the measures and their application; and implement the Student-Teacher Verification System (STVS) to determine the accuracy of student-to-teacher linkages in CPS data systems.

**DELIVERABLES:** WCER will provide the following:

- Data files containing value-added measures in reading and mathematics for the ISAT assessment at the classroom, grade, school, subgroup, and network levels.
- Data files containing value-added measures based on interim assessments at the classroom, grade, school, subgroup and network levels.
- Data files containing student-level gains for all value-added measures computed.
- Reports for each of the value-added measures in a format to be agreed upon by CPS and WCER.
- Technical documentation of all models produced.
- Software, training, and technical support for the Student-Teacher Verification System (STVS) and a perpetual license for the STVS software developed for CPS.
- Other related analysis of student academic growth data as requested by CPS.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in the Board having a better understanding of the patterns of academic growth among CPS students at various levels of analysis. This understanding will be valuable in identifying schools, classrooms, and networks with average, above-average, or below-average levels of student academic growth from one year to the next and over time.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as specified in the agreement; the total cost to the Board shall not exceed the sum of \$328,803. WCER will utilize \$100,000 in funding from the Joyce Foundation for the balance of costs in the proposed scope of work.

**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 Chief Instructional Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, MBE/WBE provisions of the Program do not apply to universities. This agreement is exempt from MBE/WBE review.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Human Capital: \$328,803  
Fiscal Years: 2011-2012 and 2012-2013  
Budget Classification: 11010-325-54105-264220-542128  
Source of Funds: CPS TIF Grant  
Requisition Number: TBD

**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.

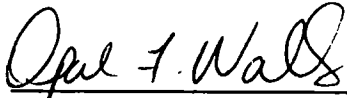
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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 May 25, 2011(11-0525-PO2), 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:**



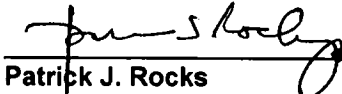
**Opal L. Walls  
Chief Purchasing Officer**

**Within Appropriation:**



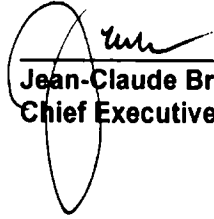
**Melanie Shaker  
Interim Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved as to legal form:**



**Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel**

**Approved:**



**Jean-Claude Brizard  
Chief Executive Officer**